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IDITAROD — Defending Iditarod champion Lance Mackey runs his team from the starting line of the official start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Willow, on Sunday March 6, 2011 trying for his fifth win. Sixty-two mushers started the 1,100 mile sled dog race to Nome.

Photo by Al Grillo

Iditarod 39 on the trail to Nome

By Diana Haecker

The 2011 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race is underway with 62 mushers and their dogs heading for Nome. The first days of the race saw sunny weather, not a cloud in the sky and fast trails leading into the Alaska Range. But it will take a crystal ball to predict how the rest of the race is going to shape up. Weather conditions, may they be "hot" or brutally cold, stormy or calm, are dictating trail conditions and that in turn influences a great deal how the dogs and their mushers are coping with whatever Mother Nature throws at them.

The ceremonial start in Anchorage took place on Saturday, March 5 with droves of people lining Fourth Avenue in downtown Anchorage. Dignitaries from both the mushing world and the realm of politics paid tribute to the 39th running of what is

dubbed the Last Great Race. Seen at the Avenue to wish mushers good luck were Alaska senators Lisa Murkowski and Mark Begich, Governor Sean Parnell, Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell and Anchorage Mayor Dan Sullivan. Also on hand to send off the teams was Nome Mayor Denise Michaels and Iditarod Trail Committee Director John Handeland.

Under blue skies, with helicopters buzzing aloft and thousands of fans lining the city streets and trails leading out to Campbell airstrip, the mushers were cheered by fans from near and far.

Florence Busch was wearing bib Number One as the honorary musher. In honor of her late husband Tom Busch, who unexpectedly died last November in Anchorage, Florence rode the first sled out of the

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Lessons from a school of fish

NSEDC lends a hand with Elementary Salmon in the Classroom project

By Tyler Rhodes

When working with salmon, Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. fisheries biologists Charlie Lean and Kevin Keith are often clad

in waders, knee-deep in a river or stream.

Since the fall of 2010, however, one particular fish project has pulled the duo from the riverbank and immersed them in a sea of young schoolchildren. Asked by two Nome Elementary School teachers to lend a hand, Lean and Keith have provided assistance to a year-long project centered around raising Coho—also known as silver—salmon in the classroom.

Over the years, a number of teachers in the Nome district have taken on the project to raise salmon using specially chilled fish tanks. This school year, second-grade teacher Matt Slingsby and first-grade teacher

Nikki Scherer are using one salmon tank and its aquatic inhabitants to teach everything from biology to language and cultural lessons. A second tank is being used by older students in the school's combined fifth- and sixth-grade classes under the direction of teacher Keith Conger.

The salmon in the classroom project is supported by the 4H Cooperative Extension Service and has received support from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The first- and second-grade classrooms have also received support from NSEDC.

The project starts with salmon eggs which students watch hatch and

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Photo by Matt Slingsby

EGG-CELENT—Kayli Koonuk holds open a white fish full of eggs with her partner Ada Lawrence during a dissection project in Mr. Slingsby's second-grade class Jan. 28.

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A Look at the Past



F.H. Nowell Photo and Comments Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
YAHOOOOO! WE MADE IT BACK! — Albert Fink and Eli Smith returning to Nome from polar bear hunt in the Arctic in 1906. Distance travelled 1,000 miles. Attorney Albert Fink organized the Nome Kennel Club in 1907 and later represented gangster Al Capone in Chicago. In 1907, Eli Smith mushed his dog team 8,000 miles from Nome to Washington, D.C., thereby winning a \$10,000 bet. Those long, snowy Nome winters really wore on these two mushers!

Editorial

Open the Windows

Open the windows and let in the light. Every part of government from the top of the tree all the way down to the grass roots benefits from fresh air and sunshine. We can use our own town as an example, but the problems extend past the horizon way beyond Front Street in Nome, Alaska. If we focus on Nome, we must encourage our elected officials to conduct the public's business in a manner that accommodates the people who elected them and their ability to be kept informed.

On the state level we have to deal with the hidden agendas of the billionaire corporations that want to stealth fleece our pockets and keep us in the dark. Is there a problem with the fox being in charge of the henhouse? How much tax- free oil, gas and minerals are we willing to give away? What do we do when these resources are gone? Does the American taxpayer feel good knowing they paid more federal tax than Exxon-Mobil? Does organized labor intend to sit still while the flying monkeys in governors' chairs try to break the backs of trade and professional unions? We have a Congress that acts like the bully on the beach who runs in and kicks over little kids' sand castles.

We have politicians who fire up a smoke screen by pushing the same tired knee-jerk issue buttons while behind the scenes they are destroying laws that protect the little guy and make it easier for the wealthy to pump up their bank accounts. Congress tries to put us on a guilt trip for wanting something from government. Yes, we want affordable health care. Yes, we want Social Security. Yes, we want reliable mail service. Yes, we want to drink clean water and breath clean air. Yes, we want financial security. If Congress wants to be serious about budget cuts they should stop throwing good money after bad and take a look at the elephants in the room. They are called Afghanistan and Iraq. —N.L.M.—

Letters

Dear Nancy,
Nome is a very small town and has some narrow streets, alleys (Nome town site was create in 1905), and of course they are very hard to maintain by modern equipment, especially in wintertime.

This winter we have already on the ground a very large amount of snow, especially in February and the city of Nome Public Works Roads crew and DOT kept our streets and roads free from snow.

We have probably the best snow removing program in the state, because even in Anchorage after a snowstorm, the streets are full of snow and it is very hard to drive.

Both the City of Nome crew and DOT are doing a great job, and I think Nome citizens really appreciate this.

Of course all this could be different in a worse scenario, if city top officials/ leaders/city council did not pay attention and fund the snow removal program.

Thank you to all for great job, especially for the city crew who began this winter to maintain Ivanoff subdivision's new road—Lucy's Way.
Nikolai Ivanoff
Nome Alaska

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Move your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!

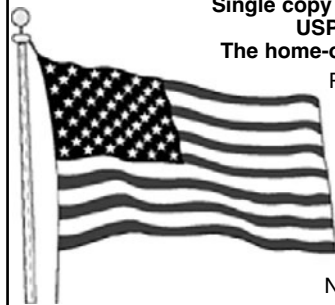
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	03/16/11	09:17 a.m.		-9° 3/04/11	
Sunset	03/09/11	07:45 p.m.	Low Temp	20 mph, N, 3/05/11	
	03/16/11	09:05 p.m.	Peak Wind	2.40"	
			Precip. to Date	1.81"	
			Normal		

Seasonal snow fall total (data collected since 7/1/10): 76.6" Current Snow Cover: 43.0" varies with sublimation/melting/blowing of snow.



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Compiled by Diana Haecker

Health care reform law of the land – for now

The question whether the federal health care reform is constitutional or not is still not resolved. Florida federal court judge Roger Vinson, who ruled that the federal Health Care reform was unconstitutional, last week issued a ‘stay’ upon his ruling. This now means that Alaska Governor Sean Parnell, who said that the judge’s ruling is the law of the land, is to comply with the health care reform law. Parnell said that his administration will treat the federal health care law as being in place. The stay will be lifted in seven days if the Obama administration doesn’t file an appeal. Parnell said that he would prefer to use “state resources for state-based health care solutions to increase access and improve affordability, rather than become more entangled.” Separately, Alaska Senator Hollis French had requested a legal analysis by the legislative legal division. Legislative counsel Dennis Bailey wrote in the Alaska legal division’s analysis that “a decision of a federal district court judge is not binding precedent in [...] a different judicial district.” Bailey concludes “it is implausible that the decision of the federal court in Florida would have a [...] binding effect on the state when appellate review has not been exhausted.” Five judges have weighed in on the Affordable Care Act. Other than the Florida judge, three have found the law constitutional, and one has ruled against the individual mandate alone. No Alaska court has taken up the question.

Begich introduces education bill

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich introduced education legislation aimed to promote science, technology, engineering and math. Begich said the so-called STEM Act is designed to prepare American students for a global economy by establishing competitive grants to help states develop comprehensive strategies. It would give funds to high-need students in high-need districts and emphasizes innovation and technology

by enabling states and districts to apply “outside-the-box” thinking. The bill also supports professional development for STEM teachers. Begich introduced the bill in an effort to overhaul the federal No Child Left Behind Act, which he said is a disaster for Alaska. The Effective STEM Teaching and Learning Act is co-sponsored by Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware.

Wanted: smart energy technology

A deadline to tap into a fund that aims to kickstart emerging energy technologies in Alaska is approaching. The so-called Emerging Energy Technology Fund, which is administered by the Alaska Energy Author-

ergy Authority by March 17.

Alaska AG warns of money wiring scams

As part of the national consumer protection week, the Alaska Attorney General’s Office warns Alaskans about the risks of wiring money. While money transfers through companies such as Moneygram and Western Union are convenient, there are known risks, they say. Scam reports from Alaskans include a scammer who hijacked a house listing, posted the house for rent and lured people into wiring money for rent and security deposits. Another person wired money for a bulldog puppy, which never was shipped to her. More information is available at www.ncpw.gov and www.law.alaska.gov/consumer.



Slashing Planned Parenthood funding not popular with voters

Under pressure to rein in the federal spending, the House of Representatives voted recently to slash the budget, and Planned Parenthood was one of the services seeing severe cuts. In Alaska, a poll conducted by Public Policy Polling shows opposition to bar Planned Parenthood from getting federal money. Planned Parenthood is a family planning service and also provides cancer screenings, breast exams, birth control, testing for HIV and testing and treatment for other sexually transmitted infections. The poll shows that senators supporting efforts to de-fund the organization would face political backlash. Other results show that 60 percent of Alaska voters disagree with cutting federal funding for cervical cancer screenings; 64 percent of Alaska voters disagree with cutting federal funding for breast cancer screenings provided at Planned Parenthood clinics every year; 64 percent of Alaska voters disagree with cutting federal funding for birth control, which Planned Parenthood provides to almost 2.5 million patients every year. Fifty percent of Alaska voters said they were less likely to vote for their Senator if he or she voted to bar Planned Parenthood from receiving federal funding for preventive care.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 10 - March 16, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
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Thursday, March 10

*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: BBQ Chicken	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 1 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Journey through the Healing Circle	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*All About Babies video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Wiffleball (grades 3 - 6)	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*City League Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30/6:45/8 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*World Dance with Seiji	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
Nome-Golovin Racer sign up	Nome Armory	7 p.m.

Friday, March 11

*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Quiet Time	Kegoayah Library	10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Fish Nuggets	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*CAMP class	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Soccer (grades 1-9)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*WIC Program: Expecting the Best	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Soccer (Grades 3 - 5)	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (8 & younger)	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Youth Climbing (9 & older)	Nome Rec Center	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.
*Adult Drop in Soccer	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday, March 12

*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
Nome-Golovin Snowmachine Race	To be Determined	Noon
*Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*Staying Sane video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Care of a Sick Child video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time begins! Move your clocks AHEAD 1 hour!		
Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod	Nome Rec Center	8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Basketball Classic begins		
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Saving Indian Infants from Dying in Sleep video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Step Parenting video	Prematernal Home	3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Water Polo	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Pick up Women's Basketball	Nome Rec Center	8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday, March 14

LOIBC games	Nome Rec Center	8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Iditarod break!	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Making a Difference: A Mother's Guide	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Teen Dads video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Beginning Yoga with Kari	Nome Rec Center	4:15 - 5:15
*Zumba with Elizabeth M.	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do with Dan	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15

LOIBC games	Nome Rec Center	8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Iditarod break!	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Lunch Laps	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Tennis	Nome Rec Center	noon - 2 p.m.
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
*Fetal Alcohol Syndrome video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Two to Get Ready video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Team Handball Grades 3 - 6	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Strength Training with Robin	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*Kickbox/Tone with Jennie	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Teleconference: 1-800-914-3396	(CODE: 3534534#)	7 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY

Wednesday, March 16

LOIBC games	Nome Rec Center	8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10 a.m. - noon
*School lunch main dish: Iditarod break!	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*When to Call Doctor if Child is Ill video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Touch Points video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Gymnastics Grades 3+ with Kelly K.	Nome Rec Center	4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
*Beginning Baton	Nome Rec Center	5 p.m. - 5:30
*Intermediate Baton	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Advanced Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Hello Central (also on Channel 98)	Nome Visitors Center	7:30 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga with Kelly B.	Nome Rec Center	9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Community points of interest hours of operation:

Carrie McLain Memorial Museum	Front Street	1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Tu - F)
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Additional hours by appointment		
Library Hours	Kegoayah Library	noon - 8 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>>		noon - 6 p.m. (F - Sa)
Nome Visitor Center	Front Street	9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M - F)
Northwest Campus Library	Northwest Campus	2 p.m. - 9 p.m. (M - Th)
>>>>>>		1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Sa)
XYZ Center	Center Street	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. (M - F)



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• Lessons from a school of fish

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gradually develop into juveniles over the course of the school year. Throughout the process, the classes learn about salmon lifecycles and what the fish need in terms of habitat and diet. But that's just skimming the surface of what the project can teach students.

Student scientists

On a recent morning, second-grader Ada Lawrence carefully pushed the Styrofoam lid back on the salmon tank so she could fish the thermometer closer to the glass and record the water temperature. She confirmed a reading of 4°C, exactly what she expected it to be, and slid the cover back in place.

Lawrence was surrounded by four of her peers, each grasping a journal filled with observations and colorful renderings of the tank and its tiny, swimming occupants. With their inquisitive eyes and craning necks, the small crew possessed the air of a team of scientists—all that was missing were the white lab coats.

More than just looking like pint-sized biologists, the students also talked the talk. Words like "alevin," "yolk sacs," and "substrate" rolled off the young tongues as if it were common second-grade parlance. The vocabulary has even stuck with the first-graders. "It seems like they're learning a lot and retaining a lot," Mrs. Scherer said. "They're pulling out vocabulary for first-graders that's pretty amazing, and they're using it. Most students have stopped using 'baby salmon' and are writing 'alevin.'" Chagrined at having first- and second-graders speaking over

his comprehension level, this reporter had to look up "alevin" to find out that it refers to a young salmon that still has its yolk sac attached.

Mrs. Scherer said her students normally take time to study the tank once a week, looking for any developments the fish have undergone. Mr. Slingsby's second-graders also take observations, usually daily, recording the water temperature and noting in their science journals any changes they may see. "We take the water temperature, test the PH and water turbidity, and observe any deformities that might be present," Mr. Slingsby said. "We do this every morning, and it's a great activity to keep the kids involved with the project."

The older students in Mr. Conger's class have even gone so far to take a mathematical look at how best to regulate the water temperature. "We did a big write-up in September to try and determine what the average daily temperature should be so that the salmon would hatch before Christmas break," he said. "They did an elaborate process."

The process worked, allowing the students to see the fruits of their labor before the two-week vacation. Mr. Conger said having the students leave for break with eggs in the tank only to return and find that they had missed their transformation into tiny fish would have been a letdown. "We had a week and maybe eight days to spare," he said.

Project gets its start from Snake River eggs

At the outset, teachers Mr. Slingsby and Mrs. Scherer ap-

proached Lean and NSEDC's Fisheries and Research Development Program for help in getting the salmon incubation project up and running. The teachers had the option of receiving eggs from a state-run hatchery near Anchorage or finding a way to source them locally.

Mr. Slingsby and Mrs. Scherer decided they wanted to get local eggs and asked for Lean's assistance. "We were delighted to help," Lean said. NSEDC was already taking salmon eggs from the Snake River as part of its Fisheries and Research Development Program effort to re-establish a Coho salmon run in Anvil Creek near Nome. A tiny amount of those eggs—fewer than 1 percent—were

diverted to the school program. "It's a really small impact to our program in exchange for benefits for young students," Lean said.

In addition to giving the project more local relevance, sourcing the eggs from the Snake River provided another important advantage—the salmon raised by the students can be spared when the project concludes. Had the project been conducted with hatchery-produced eggs, the classes would have had to kill any surviving fish at the end of the year. "It's a real bummer for students at the end of the year to kill what they had worked hard to nurture throughout the school year," Lean said.

By using eggs from the Snake

River, the classes can potentially release the surviving fish back into the wild at the end of the year. "The plan is to release them into the Snake River in the springtime and hopefully get a couple spawners to return in a few years," Mr. Slingsby said.

A closer look

Allowing more than just observation, the project has also required the students to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty. NSEDC biologists Lean and Keith returned to the classrooms in late January and early February with enough white fish to allow the students to pair up and perform dissections.

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Photo by Matt Slingsby

GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER—Second-grader Brandon Outwater and NSEDC biologist Charlie Lean take a closer look at a whitefish heart during a dissection project Jan. 28 at Nome Elementary School.

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• Lessons from a school of fish

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White fish are a salmonid—meaning they are similar to salmon—that are abundant in the region. By getting a chance to look at the white fish from the inside, the students gained a better understanding of the fish growing in the school's tanks. "Basic anatomy is applicable to medical, physical health and biological education," Lean said. "At the first- and second-grade level we don't get into college-level physiology, we just talk about the basic organs and their functions."

After Keith and Lean performed a quick dissection in front of a camera so the entire class could see the action on the classroom's large digital whiteboard, the students were paired up and given their own white fish—already sliced open—to dissect and examine. The kids jumped into the project with varying degrees of comfort. "In Nikki's class, she had told them before I got there, 'Any time you feel like saying, *Ooh, gross*. You say, *Oh, how interesting*.' I heard, '*Oh, how interesting*,' a fair amount," Keith said.

Whether the students were squeamish or eager to dig their hands into the slimy fish innards, they all approached the project with a sense of excitement and enthusiasm. "Really, all the kids were into it. They would dig in there and find organs and pull stuff out," Keith said. "There wasn't really anyone who was not getting involved. They were all poking and prying and pulling."

That the first- and second-graders are likely too young to understand the finer details of biology doesn't mean they are not old enough to gain

a valuable lesson from dissecting the fish. "I think it's kind of amazing to me that we're doing this with first- and second-graders. I didn't do that until I was a ninth-grader," Keith said. "It was actually really good, the students were open to it. There's certainly a lot they can take away, in terms of fish anatomy and animal anatomy. These are organs that are in all animals."

Both NSEDC biologists said the students were well prepared by Mr. Slingsby and Mrs. Scherer before the their arrival in the classrooms for the dissections. "The kids were pretty up to speed," Keith said. "Looking at the outsides of the fish, the students could generally find the parts themselves. When looking at the fish from the inside they would ask, 'Is that the heart? Is that the liver?' Clearly the teachers had done a lot of prep work."

A visit to Mr. Slingsby's classroom a full two weeks after the dissection showed that the lesson was one that stuck. In rapid succession, the second-graders rattled off a long list of salmon facts and highlights they had noted from the project up to that point.

Clearly, the dissection project had left the biggest impression with the budding young fisheries biologists. "You just want to look inside the fish and see what stuff is inside," second-grader Sarah Wade said. "I liked the stomach," her classmate, Ethan Mostoller, elaborated. "We found mostly bugs."

A battle on the horizon

While the dissection was the highlight of the project as of yet, a prom-

ised attraction to come had the students equally excited. "What's going to happen when the Coho get bigger?" Mr. Slingsby asked his class. "They're going to start doing the war," second-grader Owen Johanson responded. The rest of the class chimed in, "The war!" as they smiled and fidgeted with anticipation.

The little silvers are not the only fish in the younger students' tank. Lean and NSEDC also provided a small number of chum salmon for the project. The chum, which develop earlier than the silver salmon, allowed the students to see larger fish earlier on in the project. Once the silvers catch up in size, however, the role of the chum in the tank is destined to take a mortal turn. The most voracious of salmon, the silvers will view the chum less as neighbors and more as lunch.

Eager for the carnage, the students also understand that having one species serve as a food source for another is part of a greater life cycle. Asked if they would be sad to see the little chum turned into fish-food for the Coho, the students gave a resounding no. "That's what nature is all about," second-grader Ada Lawrence said.

Lessons go beyond science

While a valuable resource for studying all things science, the little swimmers in the tank have also served as a springboard for writing themes, math assignments, cultural discussions and art projects. Mrs. Scherer said the tactile nature of the salmon project has served her students well. "It's good to have as many hands-on activities as possible," she said. "They like having something they can see and actively observe."

Those observations helped spur a descriptive writing project in which many of the first graders recalled past fishing trips. Some wrote about their impressions of the classroom fish tank. The essays were hung in the school's main hallway for all to see.

Mrs. Scherer also said the class has had discussions where students could talk about their fishing experiences or how their families catch and use fish. Some talk about seine nets, while others bring up fish racks. Mr. Slingsby's class is planning on let-

ting some students' family members show exactly what they do with their fish. "We are going to have a big fish cook off by having families bring in their favorite salmon recipes and cook them in the kitchen outside of our classroom. It's going to be a fish feast," Mr. Slingsby said.

The second-graders are also planning on making fish prints as an art project. Mrs. Scherer's first-graders already did a similar project earlier this year.

The older students in Mr. Conger's class have done life-size drawings of the fish, both to decorate the area around their tank as well as expand their knowledge base. Mr. Conger has also used the project as an opportunity for the students to practice their public speaking skills by

presenting their findings to fellow students. "When there's big changes in the tank, we get other classes to come in and view them," he said. "My fifth-grade reading class acted as tour guides for the other students."

While the salmon have spurred lessons of all sorts, the greatest benefit of the hands-on project is perhaps the spark for learning it has ignited in the students. "Overall, they're talking about fish," Mrs. Scherer said. "I don't know if you would call it an appreciation or an understanding, but the students are really interested in the fish."

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Photo by Matt Slingsby
DIG IN—(Above) Second-graders Michael O'Neil (left) and Ethan Mostoller (right) get a little help from NSEDC biologist Kevin Keith during a white fish dissection Jan. 28 in Mr. Slingsby's class at Nome Elementary.



Photo by Matt Slingsby
HATCHED—Tiny salmon alevin (fish which still have their yolk sacs attached) swim about the tank at the elementary school in a project being conducted by Mrs. Scherer and Mr. Slingsby.



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CHECKING IN—Second-grader Ada Lawrence works to bring a thermometer close enough to read while checking on a project to raise salmon at Nome Elementary School Feb. 11.

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“I Know I Can” has second graders thinking about their future!

Last month Nome elementary school second graders had an opportunity to focus on their futures with the second annual “I Know I Can” Program.

Geared for students in second grade, the program focuses on local volunteers sharing their personal college and career experiences with the students.

Mari Lammer, Matt Slingsby and Rita Smith’s classes welcomed six local volunteers to share information about their occupations and their experiences of going to college or training after high school.

Through this sharing and reading of the “I Know I Can” book, students were encouraged to develop career interests, work hard in school and start thinking of college now. A highlight of the program asks students to draw a picture on a postcard showing what they want to be when they grow up. The postcards are collected and then mailed back to the students two years later, as a reminder of their goals and the event.

Each event ends with students sharing their dreams and their postcard with the class. Some students desire becoming teachers, state troopers, dentists, Marines and mechanics, among many other interesting and exciting occupations. Each student also receives a copy of the “I Know I Can” book to take home.

The UA College Savings Plan fully funds the event, with operational support from the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education and coordination through the UAF- Northwest Campus. “Additional I Know I Can” events are planned in the upcoming months in second grade classrooms throughout the region.

If you have any questions about the program, would like to see the program in your child’s classroom, or are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Kacey Miller at UAF-Northwest Campus.

Former PBS host donates artifacts from Point Hope to UAF museum

Steve Thomas, the former host of PBS’ “This Old House” donated a collection of items from Point Hope to the University of Alaska Museum of the North’s ethnology collection.

The items include a sewing kit with a sealskin leather needle case that threads through an ivory tube; scrapers dangling from the end and sealskin boots with bearded seal bottoms and sheepskin liners that are probably from the 1880s. A sealskin scabbard possibly served as a quiver, but more likely sheathed a rifle.

The items come from the personal collection of Thomas’ grandfather, Rev. William Thomas, who served as a missionary in Point Hope from 1914 until 1926, where he purchased the pieces or received them as gifts. Thomas also donated a sizable collection of photographs and journals.

Nome artist’s painting featured on AlaskaOne 2011 poster

Nome artist Sue Steinacher’s painting “Akpiks & Imuruk” is featured on the annual AlaskaOne poster, to help out with the annual public television fundraiser. The 40-by-29-inch oil painting was done for the 2010 Percent for Art program, and hangs in the Nome Youth Facility. The inspiration, Steinacher says, “was a scene on the road from Nome to Teller which crosses high rolling hills that, in summer, are often thick with ‘akpiks’ – the Inupiaq word for salmonberries or cloudberryes. From one spot in particular, the extraordinary Imuruk Basin, tucked-up beneath the north face of the Kigluaik Mountains, is just visible.” This piece was chosen by a panel of artists and experts from more than 110 pieces submitted by 44 Alaskan artists.



Photo courtesy of Debbie Flint Daniel

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS—Nome Elementary 3rd/4th grade Battle of the Books State Team (from L to R): Kristen Daniel, Cynthia Jessup (librarian), Brayden Bahnke, and Ava Earthman. Not pictured is team member Bethany Daniel. This team placed 9th out of 40 teams that competed across Alaska in this years 3rd/4th grade State Battle on March 4th! Congratulations!

Nome School Librarian Receives Community Outreach Award

The Alaska Association of School Librarians announced that Joy Hewitt of Nome Elementary School has been selected to receive AkASL’s School Library Community Outreach Award for 2011.

Rural Alaska offers many challenges and obstacles to developing and promoting literacy. School librarians know how important reading, literacy and life-long learning are to the health of a community. Most communities develop a number of programs to serve community development of literacy, but rarely does one person work to bridge these programs with the school. Joy Hewitt does just that.

Joy’s accomplishments may be best be described by Marsha Sloan, Nome Eskimo Council, “Nome, like many small communities in Alaska, can be a challenge to really make effective change when you often hear, ‘we’ve tried that’ or ‘that won’t work here.’ Joy has overcome all of those obstacles and barriers with grace, poise and efficiency in her quest to overturn illiteracy and create readers. It goes without saying that these efforts have direct impact on our school district test scores and other measurable accomplishments. But the biggest impact that I see is on the love of reading and learning in our youth.”

She has been an active member of the local Literacy Council for several years, where she has managed the Imagination Library for children ages birth to five years, enthusiastically recruiting little readers through community outreach.

When the local tribal organization wanted to start a Guys Read program it was Joy who took on the task. She implemented Guys Read and Girls Read through the local public library and carried it over to the schools.

According to the tribal spokesperson, she used her talent at making posters of all of the high school sports teams, and to highlight local Native men as role models for reading in the Guys Read program.

Joy even hosts Popcorn Sundays at her own home, when local kids can drop by her house for free popcorn and some hangout time with Lizzie, her beloved black lab.

As Marsha Sloan states, “In my opinion, Ms. Hewitt is an integral member of the education team at each of the public schools in Nome. She is also a true advocate for early literacy awareness for our community and the surrounding region.”

The Alaska School Library Association is proud to share the accomplishments of the Nome community, and most of all school librarian Joy Hewitt!

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AK Careline (anonymous)	1-877-266-4357
National Suicide Prevention Line (anonymous)	1-800-273-8255
Child protection/emergency: Office of Children's Services	
From Nome:	443-5247
From villages:	1-800-440-5247

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Nome - Beltz boys basketball heads to state tournament

The Nome Boys basketball team qualified for the 2011 Class 3A State Tournament by placing second at the Western Conference Basketball Tournament. The Nome boys defeated Hooper Bay and Bethel before losing in the Western Conference Finals to Barrow. The Nanooks’ appearance in the Western Conference Championship game marked the fifth straight year that the Nanooks have played in the championship game. Due to the loss to Barrow the Nanooks then had to play Bethel on the final day of the tournament for second place and a bid to the State Tournament. Individual game results are listed below. The Nanooks will next face #1 ranked Monroe Catholic on Thursday, March 17, at the Sullivan Arena in Anchorage. Nome Seniors David Stickel and Tim Sullivan have reached the State Tournament in each of their four seasons.

Nome 66 Bethel 61

The Nome boys defeated Bethel on Saturday night to claim second place at the Western Conference Tournament and a bid to the Class 3A State Tournament. Nome found itself down 10 points at the half to a Bethel team that made 8-11 three-point field goals in the first half. Bethel was then able to quickly extend the lead to 15 early in the third quarter before Nome staged a rally to close to within 2 by the end of the third quarter. Christian Leckband scored 32 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead the Nanooks. Nathan Blandford recorded a “double-double” by scoring 11 points and grabbing 10 rebounds before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Tim Sullivan scored 17 points, including 5 three-point field goals. Christian Leckband passed a personal milestone during the game as he surpassed the 1,000 career point mark during the 2nd quarter of the game. The win also gave the Nome boys their 5th consecutive “20 win season.”

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Blandford 11, Johnson 3, Leckband 32, Sullivan 17, Irelan 2, Wehde 2

Barrow 84 Nome 68

The Nome boys lost to the Barrow Whalers in the championship game of the 2011 Western Conference Tournament. Nome’s Christian Leckband scored a career best 39 points in the loss.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Blandford 8, Johnson 4, Leckband 39, Sullivan 13, Wehde 2

Nome 76 Bethel 48

The Nome boys defeated Bethel in a Western Conference Tournament semi-final game. Nathan Blandford scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the Nanooks. Brendan Wehde nearly recorded a “double-double” with 12 points and 9 rebounds.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Blandford 20, Johnson 6, Leckband 16, Stickel 9, Sullivan 8, Irelan 5, Wehde 12

Nome76 Hooper BAay 34

The Nome Boys defeated Hooper Bay in a first round game at the Western Conference Tournament.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Blandford 9, Johnson 6, Leckband 12, Stickel 8, Sullivan 12, Wehde 14, Irelan 2, Eide 6, Bloodgood 7

WESTERN CONFERENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

The Nome Boys basketball team was named the Boys Academic Champions with an overall 3.67 Grade Point Average.

WESTERN CONFERENCE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Nome’s Devynn Johnson, Christian Leckband, Tim Sullivan, and Nathan Blandford were each namedto the Western Conference All-Tournament team. Selection was based upon players’ performance at the Western Conference Basketball Tournament.

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Prior to the tournament the Western Conference coaches selected an

All-Conference team. Selections were based upon player performance during the entire 2010-11 season.

BOYS WESTERN ALL-CONFERENCE

Christian Leckband - MVP (NOME)
Tyler Adams - BARROW
Tim Sullivan - NOME
Brodie Smith - BETHEL
Victor Unatoa - BARROW

Hon. Mention - Joe Glasheen (Bethel), Jared Miller (DLG), Colin Long (BWR), Nathan Blandford (OME), Andrew Seman (UNA)

GIRLS WESTERN ALL-CONFERENCE

Nicole Smith - MVP (BARROW)
Melissa Gerke - BARROW
Devynn Johnson - NOME
Lynette Hepa - BARROW
Christian Fields - KOTZEBUE

Hon. Mention - Kira Polk (BET), Kristina Smeaton (DLG), Joleen Simmons (BWR), Julia Kim (BWR), Audrey Leary (BET), Dylan Johnson (OME), Heather Gallahorn (OTZ)

CLASS 3A BOYS STATE TOURNAMENT

The Class 3A State Tournament will be held March 17-19. More information on the State Basketball Tournament can be found at <http://asaa.org/sports/basketball/basketball-state-tournament-information/>

CLASS 3A BOYS FIRST ROUND GAMES

Monroe vs Nome
Seward vs Sitka

Mt. Edge vs ACS
Barrow vs Galena

NOME SEASON RESULTS (20-7)

Nome 87 Galena 78
Nome 68 Galena 53
Nome 68 Eielson 56
Nome 68 ACS 58
Nome 44 Seward 38
Nome 63 Point Hope 56
Nome 66 Bethel 56
Nome 24 Houston 23
Princeton Day 89 Nome 58
Nome 69 Ketchikan 60
Nome 73 East High 70
Bartlett 81 Nome 64
Nome 68 Kayhi 49
Dimond 68 Nome 61
Nome 85 Shishmaref 25
Point Hope 63 Nome 64
Point Hope 70 Nome 74
Nome 59 Glennallen 46
Barrow 70 Nome 63
Nome 54 Valdez 38
Nome 91 Kotzebue 47
Nome 91 Kotzebue 40
Nome 78 Hooper Bay 34
Nome 76 Bethel 48
Barrow 84 Nome 64
Nome 66 Bethel 61

LADY NANOOKS

The Nome Lady Nanooks competed at the 2011 Western Conference Tournament. The Lady Nanooks defeated Dillingham, lost to Barrow, defeated Unalaska, before losing to Bethel in an elimination game. The Nome Lady Nanooks ended their season with a 13-13 overall record. Additional girls results from the Western Conference Tournament will be sent out when available.

NOME LADY NANOOKS SEASON RESULTS (13-13)

Galena def. Nome
Galena def. Nome
Nome def. Eielson
Nome def. ACS
Barrow def. Nome
Point Hope def. Nome
Bethel def. Nome
Nome def. Houston
Nome def. Valdez
Nome def. Valdez
Nome 58 Hooper bay 10
Nome 67 Hooper Bay 29
Nome 58 Scammon Bay 30
Dimond 84 Nome 42
ACS def. Nome
Nome def. South
Chugiak def. Nome
Nome def. Chevak
Nome def. Chevak
Kotzebue def. Nome
Kotzebue 42 Nome 38
Nome 57 Dillingham 39
Barrow 70 Nome 25
Nome def. Unalaska
Bethel def. Nome

WESTERN CONFERENCE CHEER

The Nome-Beltz Cheer team competed at the 2011 Region I Cheer Competition. Also competing were Dillingham, Kotzebue, and Bethel. Nome’s Kenna-Sue Contreras and Elizabeth Herzner were named to the all-tournament team.

WESTERN CONFERENCE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Christian Leckband won the boys three point competition. Dylan Johnson won the girls free-throw competition.

WESTERN CONFERENCE TEAM AWARDS

Girls 1st - Barrow
Girls 2nd - Kotzebue
Girls 3rd - Bethel

Boys 1st - Barrow
Boys 2nd - Nome
Boys 3rd - Bethel

Cheer 1st - Kotzebue
Cheer 2nd - Bethel

Girls Academic - Unalaska
Boys Academic - Nome

Sportsmanship - Hooper Bay Boys & Girls

NANOOKS ON THE ROAD

The Nome Boys basketball team will compete at the 2011 Class 3A Basketball Tournament. The tournament will take place at the Sullivan

Arena in Anchorage on March 17-19. The 4A Tournament will run on the same days at the Sullivan. The Class 1A & 2A Tournaments will be held at the Sullivan Arena on March 14-16.

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BASKETBALL RECORDS					
2010-2011 Season Standings ending February 26, 2011					
I-A BOYS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss	I-A GIRLS	Conference Record Win-Loss	Overall Record Win-Loss
Elim	13-1	15-2	Golovin	8-0	8-2
Koyuk	7-5	7-5	Shaktoolik	6-4	8-4
St. Michael	7-5	8-10	Koyuk	3-5	3-5
Golovin	5-3	8-6	Teller	3-7	5-10
Shishmaref	4-4	8-6			
Shaktoolik	4-6	9-9			
Brevig Mis.	4-7	6-9			
Teller	3-7	8-8			
White Mtn.	0-8	0-10			
II-A BOYS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss	II-A GIRLS	Win-Loss	Win-Loss
Savoonga	2-0	2-8	Savoonga	0-2	0-10
Stebbins	0-5	4-13	Stebbins	2-3	10-5
Unalakleet	6-2	14-6	Unalakleet	11-2	13-5

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT BASKETBALL RECORDS
2010-2011 Season Standings ending February 26, 2011

Friday, February 25, 2011					
Golovin 79 – White Mountain 35			Golovin 44 – Shaktoolik 31		
St. Michael 55 – Teller 52			Unalakleet 53 – Stebbins 23		
Elim 67 – Shishmaref 63			Golovin 2 – Brevig Mission 0		Forfeit
Unalakleet 72 – Stebbins 29			Koyuk 44 – Teller 24		
Brevig Mission 2 – Koyuk 0		Forfeit			
Saturday, February 26, 2011					
Golovin 70 – White Mountain 46			Golovin 42 – Shaktoolik 39		
St. Michael 53 – Teller 50			Unalakleet 51 – Stebbins 34		
Elim 86 – Shishmaref 78			Golovin 2 – Brevig Mission 0		Forfeit
Unalakleet 75 – Stebbins 28			Koyuk 46 – Teller 45		OT
Brevig Mission 2 – Koyuk 0		Forfeit			
The Brevig Mission girls team has folded.					

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OFF THEY GO— Kotzebue musher John Baker leaves the ceremonial startline of Iditarod 39 on Saturday in Anchorage.

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chute. Busch was chosen to be this year's honorary musher for his contributions to the Iditarod as a board member and in his capacity working for Radio KNOM and supporting the race by encouraging complete coverage from starting banquet to finishers banquet and everything in between. Busch served as KNOM's general manager and later as the station's development director. He had been an Iditarod board member and had followed the race from day one. Florence Busch said that Tom compiled Iditarod trail diaries, blow-by-blow reports of the race, over a 25-year period.

KNOM station manager Ric Schmidt was also there, shaking hand warmers for Florence Busch in preparation of her sled ride in the Jr. Iditarod champion Jeremiah Klejka's basket. "Tom has been a very big supporter of the race and had tremendous institutional knowledge," said Schmidt. "This knowledge will be greatly missed this year."

Northwest mushers in the race

Nome's Melissa Owens is on the trail again on her second running of the Iditarod sled dog race. The 21-year-old daughter of Mike and Pat Owens grew up in Nome dog mushing and moved to Southcentral Alaska to attend school. In the summer, she works as a ranger assistant at the Hatcher Pass Recreational Park. Owens said she trains her dogs in the fall and winter out of Knik. Owens said she is running a young team of dogs with a few dogs that were part of her team in the 2008 Iditarod. "They're young, inexperienced and strong – and here we go!" she described her 2011 Iditarod team. Her father, Mike Owens, said several of her team members were born and raised in Nome and they know the wind and harsh conditions. "The main thing is to get them to the coast, and from there they'll know the way," said Mike Owens.

At 2 a.m. Tuesday Owens scratched. She re-injured her leg during her run from Willow to Rainey Pass. She had injured her leg before the race began. She had 14 dogs on her team when she made the decision to scratch.

Paul Johnson, 53, of Unalakleet is back to the race after a 25-year hiatus from his first Iditarod race. His brother William "Middi" Johnson ran the Iditarod last year and their older brother Henry ran the race in 1980. "Henry was named after our grandfather Henry Ivanoff, who was one of the serum mushers and took the serum from Shaktoolik to Norton Bay," said Paul Johnson. Johnson said that while the brothers have no plan to alternate running the race, he decided to do it this year. "The dogs love to run and it would've been a shame to leave them at home. So, we put a team together and here we are," he said at the start line. He said he is involved in the local dog races in Unalakleet and plans to raise sled dogs in the future. Johnson said that in the best-case scenario, his expecta-

tations are to finish under the burlled arch in 10 days. "I think that is reasonable as long as the weather is cool and things work out for us and that's if we have a clean run and if I do the right things," Johnson said. In addition to high protein meat, fat, kibble and fish snacks, Johnson's dogs will dine on a secret dog food. "For myself, I have both Native foods and western foods — more than I can eat. I don't think that any of us will go hungry," Johnson laughed.

Another musher continuing the family tradition is 26-year old Mike Williams, Jr. of Akiak. His father Mike Williams, Sr. ran the Iditarod 14 times, the last time in 2009. Williams Junior embarked on his first Iditarod in 2010 and finished in 26th place after 10 days and six hours and some on the trail. Mike Junior said that training for him started a bit late in the season because he worked until late fall and didn't start up training the dogs in earnest until the third week of November. But, he said, his dad had already started training the team and for the rest of the winter, they had decent snow cover and training conditions. This paid off with the strong run Mike Williams, Jr. put on in the Kuskokwim 300 race, where he took second place, only one minute after the winning team of Paul Gebhardt. Williams said that there are about 44 dogs in the Williams' kennel, including 10 retirees, 10 pups and that leaves 20 dogs in training for the races. Mike Junior said that his team consists mostly of veterans and four dogs who haven't done a 1,000-mile endurance race. "I have a fairly solid group," Mike Junior said quietly at the start line. "They all recovered well from the Kusko, they have good feet and their appetite is exceptional." He said his goal is to make a few improvements over last year. "But my real goal is to finish with as many dogs as I can, hopefully, higher up in the ranks," Mike Junior said.

Kotzebue's John Baker entered the Iditarod for the 15th time this year. The seasoned musher seemed to not share in the general hectic pace and excitement at the Anchorage ceremonial start line. He said that his strategy this year will be different from years past. In the Kotzebue area, a stormy winter has made for difficult training conditions. "I will have to run a more conservative race," said Baker. "I will hold back in the beginning with shorter runs and I'm trying to keep a peppier team." He said that the first part — likely too warm for the taste of the coastal dogs used to cold winds — would be tough on them. Baker finished last year in fifth place and has his eyes set on the ultimate prize. "My goal is to win. Just to win, whatever it takes," Baker said.

Teams from north and western Alaska are Peter Kaiser of Bethel and Robert Nelson of Kotzebue.

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LINED OUT — Mike Williams Jr. left, of Akiak and his father Mike Williams Sr. work as a team to get to the start line of the 2011 Iditarod.



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Contenders

Defending champion Lance Mackey has his mind set on making it five in a row. That would put him on equal footing with Rick Swenson, so far the only five-time champion in the history of the race. The 2011 Iditarod marks the 35th year of Swenson running the race and only 10 races didn't see him in the top 10 group of finishers. On Monday, one day into the race, Swenson was injured while navigating the infamously dangerous Happy River steps. According to Iditarod blogger Bruce Lee, Swenson broke his collarbone, but it wasn't apparent yet if he decided to scratch from the race.

While Mackey has sat out this year's Yukon Quest, other teams are race hardened and eager to give Mackey a good run for the money. Dallas Seavey, former champion Mitch Seavey's son, won the 2011 Quest and showed a strong team.

Hugh Neff, who left the ceremonial start line with Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat in the sled, was leading the Quest race for the most part before he withdrew from the race when he accepted outside assistance. Neff finished in ninth place in the Iditarod last year. Canadian Sebastian Schnuelle finished the Yukon Quest in second place – after helping fellow musher Hans Gatt out of a fix when he broke through deep over-flow. Schnuelle simply said his goal is to win the Iditarod. Gatt, also of Canada, finished in second place last year and is a serious contender to take home the first place prize money of \$50,400. And certainly fans need to keep an eye on Paul Gebhardt, who won this year's Kuskokwim 300.

While many aging mushers are now behind the scenes, their dogs still get to go up the trail with different jockeys. The oldest musher at 65

is New Zealander Bob Storey, also a rookie, who drives a team out of Vern Halter's kennel to Nome. Scotland's Wattie MacDonald leased a team from Dean Osmar and made a grand appearance at the ceremonial start with a band of bag pipes preceding his team to the start line. MacDonald as well as his handlers were brave-hearted enough to wear kilts and no long underwear. Also notable is that Trent Herbst is running a team with dogs from Jake Berkowitz, who won the Copper Basin 300 and ran the same dogs in the Fur Rondy sprint races a week ago. Last but not least, Scotty Jansen, a rookie from Kasilof entered the race touting his niche as being the "mushing mortician." This was advertised on his quite sizable dog trailer, pulled by a black Hummer.

Paul Gebhardt scratched in Nikolai for the best interest of his team on Tuesday, March 8.



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HONORARY MUSER — Florence Busch is wearing Bib Number One, the honorary musher's bib, in honor of her late husband Tom Busch, Jr. Iditarod champion Jeremiah Klejka of Bethel did the honors and gave her a ride.



Photos by Diana Haecker

Photo top:
FANFARE AND ALL — Scottish musher Wattie McDonald arrived in style with bag pipes and kilt-wearing handlers at the ceremonial start line of the 39th Iditarod.

Photo left:
CAT IN THE HAT IN THE SLED — Tok musher Hugh Neff dressed up in a Dr. Seuss theme and gave the Cat in a Hat a spin around Anchorage.



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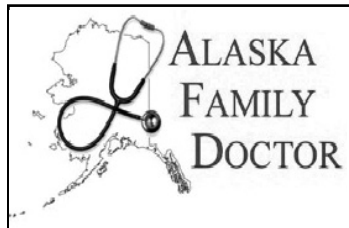


Why doctors volunteer to go to Haiti

By Bob Lawrence, MD

Photos courtesy of
Alaska Family Doctor

Last week I had the opportunity to travel to Haiti with a medical relief team facilitated by the Haiti Christian Development Program, a non-profit development foundation based in Little Rock, Arkansas. During this trip I had the privilege of work-



ing alongside an amazing group of medical providers and medical students who regularly donate a portion of their skill and time to work in underdeveloped countries like Haiti.

I spoke with many of these providers about why they take time away from their personal practices to come to Haiti. Their answers give insight into the hearts and minds of many doctors in America today.

"One of the things I've seen over the last several years is that more and more doctors are doing this type of trip," says Hank Farrar, a physician who serves as director of the pediatric residency program at Arkansas Children's Hospital. "Years ago when I was in medical school people thought you were a little bit crazy if they found out you were going to do something like this. Now a lot of people do it. I think it's because people have started to realize there's more to life than just their day-to-day work."

Mike Justus, a family practice physician from Searcy, Arkansas agrees. "You know, if I don't come, my world gets very small. Life becomes six in the morning to ten at night going down the same street back and forth working in the same exam rooms. I forget that the world is much bigger than that."

There is a sense in which this type of service is a part of the Hippocratic oath says David Smith, a cardiologist with Heart Clinic Arkansas. "It's giving back to the profession what you have been given. It's a professional mandate since you have been blessed with this education. You are not a product of yourself. You are a product of your community, a larger community."

Dr. Smith is in many ways the brains and heart behind HCDP, which has established an impressive array of relief programs. In addition to medical relief work, HCDP supports an educational farm, a microloan program, a feeding program, and a community development program currently constructing new homes for people displaced by the 2010 earthquake.

Smith describes a spiritual basis for the development of HCDP. A devout Christian, Smith believes his work among the poor is a part of what he describes as "a mandate for

Christians." Smith says, "We want to follow the example of the master. Certainly he went about healing and restoring people throughout his life. So if we want to be like him and we've been given the opportunity to be a healer, then we want to give that back."

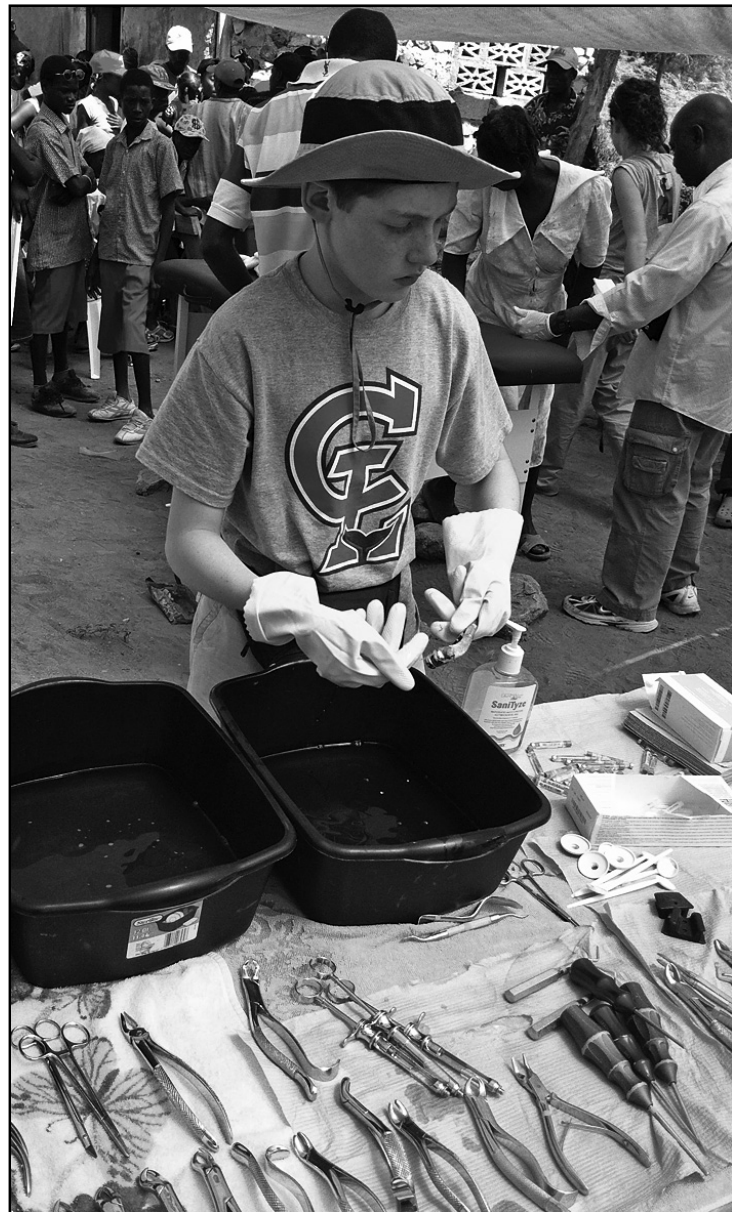
Many of the doctors commented on how their volunteer work is driven by a spiritual commitment. "I like reaching across cultures and finding things I have in common with the whole brotherhood of man," says Brian Alexander, an anesthesiologist at the Arkansas Heart Hospital. "I like seeing people's needs and

meeting those needs one-on-one. It's easy to send money, and I do that some. But sometimes it's good to get dirty and rub shoulders with the people—to observe their needs and love them and reach across cultures with Christ's love."

"Here there is an opportunity to touch on the whole spiritual aspect of life that gets lost in the background noise of work at home," says Justus. "The need is not always in the prescription. The need is in the heart."

For many doctors, volunteer work

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SPARKLING CLEAN AND GERM-FREE— Degnan Lawrence (7th grade student at ACSA in Nome) sterilizing dental instruments in remote dental clinic in Haiti.



Bering Strait School District 2011 Activity Calendar

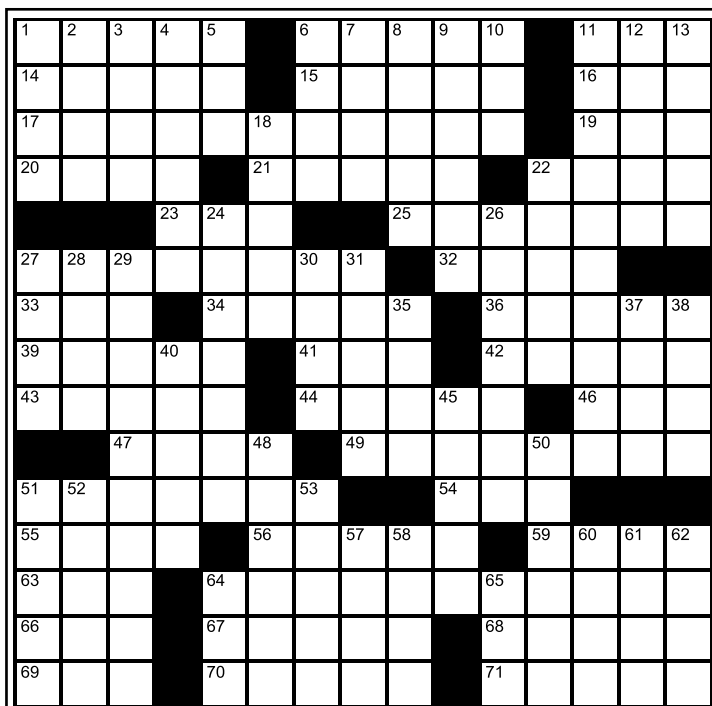
March 11 – 12
Invitational Ski Meet
(Grades 5 – 12)
Koyuk

TBD
BSSD Science and
Engineering Fair*
TBD

March 14 – 16
State 1A & 2A Boys
& Girls Basketball
Tournament*
Anchorage



BASIC FACILITIES—Bob Lawrence and Megan Lyerly (medical student University of Arkansas) consult with patient at Haitian clinic.



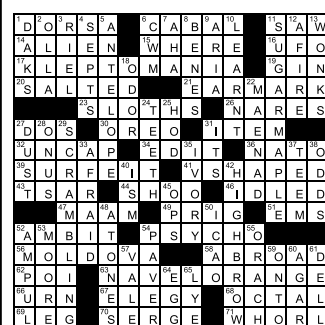
Across

1. Clan chief in medieval Scotland
6. Warms up
11. Big wine holder
14. Cliffside dwelling
15. Beau
16. "___ Maria"
17. Quality of being drawn out
19. Fold, spindle or mutilate
20. "Not to mention ..."
21. Bumpkin
22. "Wheel of Fortune" choice
23. Deception
25. Shrinks back in fear
27. Condition sometimes treated by hypnosis
32. Part of BYO
33. ___-eyed
34. Hairy-chested
36. ___ manual
39. ___ orange
41. Bar order
42. Riot
43. Discover
44. 3 feet (pl.)
46. Absorbed, as a cost
47. Astronaut's insignia
49. Being in low spirits
51. Shipping hazard
54. Anger
55. "___ for the poor"
56. ___ terrier
59. Bags
63. ___ juice (milk)
64. Retort at end of a heated discussion
66. Blackout
67. Extra
68. Bullwinkle, e.g.
69. Mamie's man
70. League members
71. Assignment

Down

1. Standard monetary unit of Samoa
2. Command to a dog
3. Coastal raptors
4. Man hired as an escort
5. After expenses
6. Beethoven's "Archduke ___"
7. Wild goose sound
8. Ruler in Arabia
9. Founder of Methodism
10. "Help!"
11. Animal that feeds on blood of birds and mammals
12. Be of use
13. Graceful fliers
18. Howler
22. Lush
24. Huge
26. A swift horse
27. "American ___"
28. Barely beat, with "out"
29. Marine polyp that resembles a flower
30. Gross
31. Up, in a way
35. Shrek, e.g.
37. Network of intersecting blood vessels
38. Coaster
40. Snatches
45. Invisible spirit appearing in human or animal form (Muslim)
48. Game keeper?
50. Bleep out
51. Poets' feet
52. Disguise
53. Largest lake in northern Italy
57. Any thing
58. Clears
60. Call to a mate
61. Big cheese
62. "Let it stand"
64. Congratulations, of a sort
65. Clock standard (abbrev.)

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Carpe diem is your motto this week. There is nothing you can't do, Capricorn. A friend makes remarkable progress. Invite them over for a little celebration.

ARIES
March 21–April 19

Aim high, Aries. You have the finesse to pull it off. A long paper trail at home clues you in to teen angst. Proceed with caution. A deadline creeps up.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Whom do you really trust, Cancer? Better answer the question before you sign on the dotted line. The deal might not be as juicy as it was presented.

LIBRA
September 23–October 22

The urge to go green hits, and you rush to make things around your home more ecofriendly. You may not see it now, Libra, but it will make a difference in your bottom line.

AQUARIUS
January 20–February 18

Less talk and more walk, Aquarius. You can talk about it all you want, but no one is going to listen until you get busy and prove to them there are merits.

TAURUS
April 20–May 20

Stick to your guns, Taurus. Your instincts are right. An opportunity knocks. Don't answer unless you're ready to heed the call. A new do is a welcome change.

LEO
July 23–August 22

Snap out of it, Leo. You've stayed in your comfort zone for far too long. Take the plunge and you will come out on top. An auto issue gets ugly.

SCORPIO
October 23–November 21

No pain, no gain, Scorpio, so get with it. Push hard to take your fitness routine to another level, and you will see results. A long-lost friend returns with a story to tell.

PISCES
February 19–March 20

Your opinion matters, Pisces, so go ahead and say what you think. It may ruffle some feathers, but perhaps that's what's needed to get the job underway.

GEMINI
May 21–June 21

Business takes a back seat to pleasure this week, and you surprise the love of your life with a trip someplace nice. Bon voyage, Gemini. Enjoy!

VIRGO
August 23–September 22

The cornerstone of your belief system is put to the test with the arrival of a foe. Stand firm, Virgo. Money matters begin to look up.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22–December 21

Uh-uh-uh, Sagittarius. It's not your place to pick up the pieces, so don't. Leave it to someone else to do and focus on matters at hand. An e-mail piques your curiosity.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY



WILL FEEL BETTER SOON—Madison Orsburn performing a steroid knee injection for an elderly patient in Haiti.

•Volunteers to Haiti

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among the poor is extremely rewarding. "I really enjoy my work at home, but I can honestly say this type of work is the most satisfying medicine that I practice," says Alexander. "It makes me more compassionate. It changes me. There are reasons I come that have nothing to do with medicine. It makes me a better husband and father. I get away from the materialistic side of society. It makes me more compassionate. And it translates into my work back home."

"As a specialist you begin to get more sensitive to smaller issues," says Smith who describes how work in Haiti affects his work as a cardiologist in the United States. "You become very aware of poverty again and more tuned into the fact that you need to try to provide affordable health care because you too have an indigent population at home. It's not just in Haiti."

"I think it helps make me a better doctor," says Farrar, "because I become much more reliant on my clinical skills. I can't just read numbers off a report from the laboratory because there is no laboratory. We become much more reliant on our physical exam skills and thinking through problems rather than reflex-

ively relying on tests."

Smith often takes medical students on trips to Haiti. "These medical students and residents, most of

them, have never been in a third world country. For them to even think about medical missions they

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Thank You Lance Johnson!!!



The Board of Directors of the Nome Community Center would like to publicly recognize and thank Lance Johnson for the exceptional leadership and service he has given as the Executive Director of Nome Community Center for the past three years. Lance's principal concern has always been the people NCC serves. Through his leadership Nome Community Center has grown to be a visible, strong, and much relied-upon partner for other local organizations.

Thank you Lance for all you have done for Nome and NCC.

Obituary

David Wayne Winger
February 18, 1959 -
February 18, 2011

David Wayne was the son of Homer and Mary Winger, born February 18, 1959 at Bloomington Hospital in Paoli, Indiana. David was number ten of 11 children to this couple, and arrived almost two years to the day after older brother Terry. Of German and Indian descent, the Winger family has a long history with deep roots in Indiana.

Dave graduated in 1977 from Jef-

ersonville High School, Jeffersonville, Indiana. He found work and remained a number of years at a Sheraton in French Lick as a hotel bellhop. Perhaps it was parking those stylin' cars that got him interested and thus developed a fascination for the mechanical crafts.

Dave dreamed of coming to Alaska, and he chose Nome. Employed by Jim West, Sr., he worked as apprentice to Marvin Bejornseth in the body shop at Alaska Cab Garage in the early 1990s, until several years later, he moved to Rodney Jones' shop. Dave worked for RJ continuously at RJ's Auto since 1999, along with Chris Thornton, and most recently Ricky Larsen.

Dave could fix just about anything, and gave of his talents freely and generously. Never much concerned for himself, anything he had was shared including his money, his skills with some tattered tools, and his time, which was about everything he had in life to give. Dave's meticulousness in his workmanship and perfectionism in the end product he always achieved, but seldom bragged. He sometimes would quietly mention, "This truck turned out pretty good, pretty damn good." When one went to pick up a vehicle he had labored over, it was like getting a brand new truck. Dave dabbled in painting snowmachine cowlings, and once customized Melissa K. Ford's "Ford" helmet with a "Chevy" emblem. For many, many hours over the past couple years, Dave and RJ have been working on "The Toy." The Toy is a late

model Chevy pickup converted with lift kits, a tilt bed, and front-end tip out. Dave put the finishing touches on The Toy, in brushes and strokes of cinnamon orange. It is no wonder he has been Nome's only body man all these years, and no one did it better than him.

Dave had a number of little sayings, and if it wasn't a joke he was sharing, it was one of his expressions that went like: "Look good, feel good, am good, damn good." Others were: "It's my world, thank you for participating. My world, my rules, my life, and you're in it Kid. Call

you Kid, because I can." "If you don't love me today, you're not going to like me tomorrow." "Do you want to talk, or do you want to listen?" "WHAT EVER!" And, be sure to throw your hair back, says Devola.

If we can take anything away from the loss of our friend, it would be to live life by Dave's example: care deeply for your friends, share and give freely of yourself, give it your all, laugh loud, and often.

Preceding Dave in death were his parents, Homer and Mary; sisters Alice and Philis-Darlean, and broth-

ers Bob and Kenny. Family members surviving are sisters Mary and June of Florida, Doris of French Lick, Indiana; brothers Leroy, French Lick, Charlie, Louisville, Kentucky; brother Terry, nephew David Allen Winger and nieces Sunny Rae Winger and Leela Ann Campbell of Paoli, Indiana.

Dave's ashes will be shared between Nome and Indiana. RJ promises to take him over to Hawaii, where he dreamed of starting his own surf board business.



David Wayne Winger

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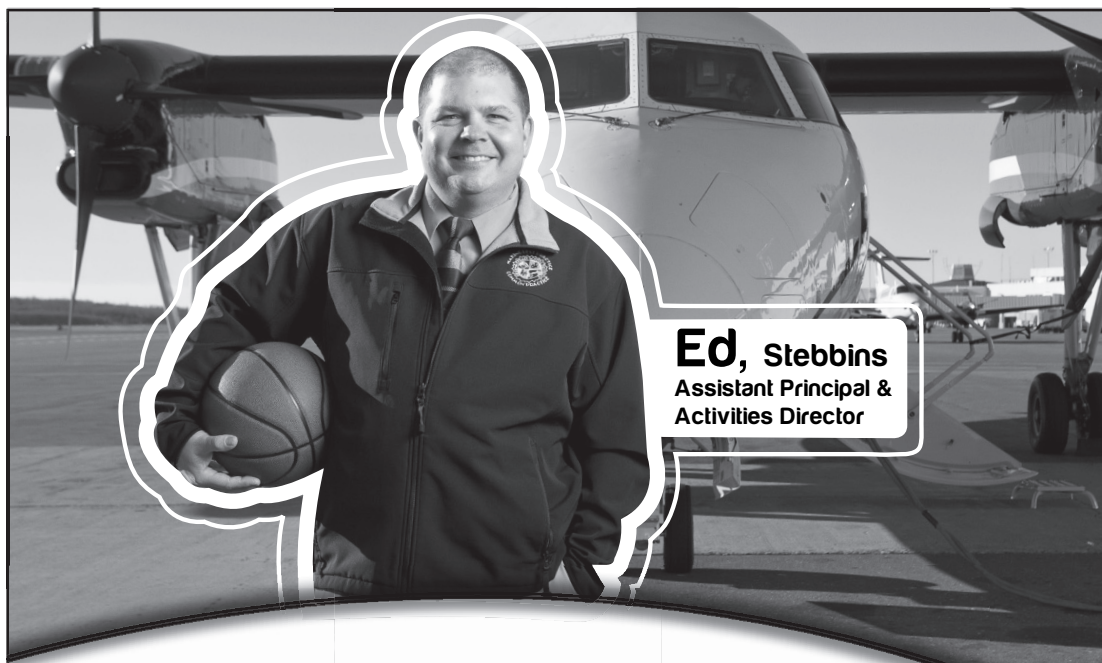
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• **Haiti**

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need to have an introduction."

Megan Lyerly, a medical student from the University of Arkansas, who joined the team this year, describes how the trip to Haiti affected her perspective of health care. "I feel like we are our brother's keeper. A lot of times in America we get bogged down with the health care system. You know medicine is not as easy as it should be and here in Haiti it's all about treating the people and making their life better. It's a more simplistic view of medicine and the way it should be."

Lyerly's husband, Shane Lyerly,

also a medical student adds, "It's a reminder that even back home we really don't understand what people may be going through."

"This is my first experience as a medical student having some autonomy," says Madison Orsburn, a medical student also from the University of Arkansas, "Throughout medical school there is always someone looking over my shoulder. This is the first time that I had a chance to think things through myself."

Orsburn says he is motivated by what he calls "the positive smile sign," a phrase he coined after treating an elderly woman with severe arthritis of the knees, "After doing a

knee injection I saw her smile and the light in her eyes. That's the relief she came looking for and when I leave here she's still going to have that relief and that smile."

When asked if the work in Haiti validates his choice to become a pediatrician, Orsburn described a long day of seeing children with various mild problems, "then you get that kid just covered in scabies and you know they're miserable and you think 'I can do something for this.' That's a good feeling, when you feel you can actually help someone."

For doctors who have practiced

medicine for a long time, working among the poorest people in the western hemisphere is a reminder of days when the practice of medicine came with a sense of mission. "There is a language change and a semantic difference between the way we talked about medicine 30 years ago and today," says Justus, "If you sat down with a group and talked about it now the discussion is performance-based and productivity-based instead of asking are we better people and are our patients better people because of the work we do today."

In one week, this small band of medical providers treated over 2,000 people in hot, dusty, remote clinics in and around Gonaives, Haiti. The work was hard. But every one of those providers says they will return. As Smith says, "Once you come down and establish friendships, those friendships get deeper and deeper every year. And you want to see these friends again. In a small way you want to bring your cool cup of water that nobody else throughout the year is providing for them."

Saying it Sincerely

By David Elmore
Insider Language

I was recently watching the movie "The Invention of Lying" and was struck by the movie's take on various scriptures including John 14: 1-14. I should also warn parents this is not a movie for young kids, as there is much humor of a sexual nature. But what struck me about this movie was that it really made Christianity sound silly. I researched this movie as well as its writer and star Ricky Gervais a bit and found out that he is an avowed atheist and has said in promoting this movie that he felt religion had started as a lie that had just gotten out of hand. This movie was in part based on that idea.

After studying the passage a bit I was struck by the amount of "insider language" that it contains. Jesus has the following to say: "Do not let your hearts be troubled this passage tells us. Believe in God, believe also in me." So far so good. Then he says: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places." And that's where we get into trouble with insider language. If we take this verse on face value and think that there are literal houses, we open ourselves up for the criticism leveled at Christians in this movie. Every person having a mansion certainly is appealing. Similar promises have worked for politicians such as Huey Long's slogan "Every Man a King!" But when we're talking mansions in heaven it just seems a little, well, silly. And Jesus continues with insider language. "I am the way, the truth, and the life." This makes perfect sense to those of us who have spent years in the Church. Have we ever stopped to think what we sound like to those outside the Church? It's no wonder that there are now two generations essentially missing from the Church.

We believe God has commanded us to make Disciples of Jesus Christ. If we are going to be faithful to this command we have to be careful when using insider language. The Bible was written to specific communities. Some of the Bible was written in this insider language to avoid additional persecution. But in their day the audience knew what the language meant. That's not the case today. For instance in the Hebrew culture, location doesn't necessarily mean a place but the closeness of a relationship. The way doesn't necessarily mean the path somewhere - in Hebrew tradition it meant the route to Jerusalem. Wisdom literature also used "the way" as it contrasted the way of the wise to the way of the wicked or foolish. The Bible's original audience understood this. Do we?

So what does all this mean to us who just want to be faithful? We must communicate the Gospel message of God's redemption of humanity through Jesus Christ using language that people understand. Our message must communicate the meaning of this passage that Jesus Christ invites us to join in his relationship with God and the Holy Spirit, and that there is room in that relationship for all of us. All we have to do is ask.

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Nome Presbyterian Church
405 E. 5th Ave, 443-5450
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Praising & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
5th & Bering, 443-5295
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

River of Life Assembly of God, 443-5333
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 443-5527
Corner of Steadman & King Place

Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Seventh-Day Adventist
(Icy View), 443-5137

Saturday Sabbath School 10 a.m.
Saturday Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Nome Church of Nazarene

3rd & Division, 443-2805
Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service 11 a.m.

Team-By-Team Coverage.

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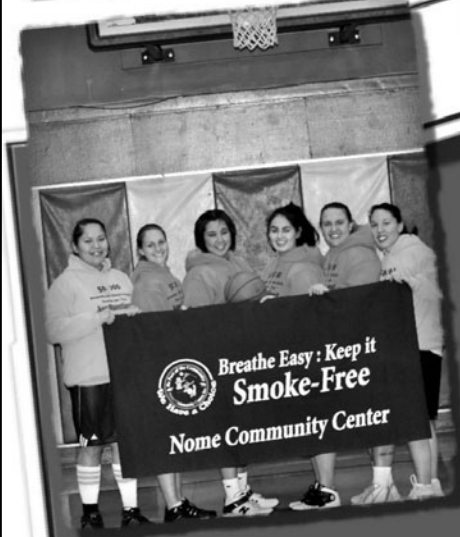
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NOME COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS: 50 REASONS TO LIVE A SMOKE-FREE LIFE REASON #40

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FAWN WHITE, DANIELLE SYLVESTER, BONNIE STETTENBENZ, RENEE PARKER, KACEY MILLER, ESTHER PEDERSON

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Employment

Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) is currently recruiting for the following positions:

Payroll Technician (Anchorage) is responsible for preparation and disbursement of NSEDC & NSSP semi-monthly payroll. Reconciles employee advance transactions and related GL account. Responsible for preparation of quarterly and annual payroll analysis reports, and ERISA reports. Provide assistance with preparation of investment, state and federal reports as directed. Prepare 941 and unemployment reports quarterly, worker compensation, employee personal leave accrual reports, W-2's and 401K reports annually. Assists the Accounting and Finance group in all areas of accounting and financial matters.

Northern NSSP Assistant Manager (Nome) will assist the Northern NSSP Operations Manager in all capacities of Northern NSSP Operations for crab, halibut, cod and other fisheries products, including but not limited to: marketing, inventory, reporting, production, tender operations, packaging & shipping; quality control, plant upkeep and maintenance; supervision of crew and continued improvement of Northern NSSP operations.

All positions are Open Until Filled.

NSEDC offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please see our website to view the full job description and to download the application at www.nsedc.com, or contact NSEDC at (800) 650-2248. Qualified individuals should submit their application and resume to: **NSEDC, 420**

L Street, Suite 310, Anchorage, AK 99501 or Fax: (907) 274-2249.
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FOUND—The Nome Police Department found a blue tote on Seppala and Center Creek roads. To claim the tote please call 443-5262 with a description of the address and contents of the tote. 3/10

IF YOU USED Type 2 Diabetes Drug Avandia between 1999 present and suffered a stroke or heart attack, you may be entitled to compensation. Attorney Charles Johnson 1-800-535-5727 3/10

DONATION FOR PAUL THOMPSON

Paul's home was completely destroyed by fire.

An account as been set up at Wells Fargo "Donation Account for Paul Thompson"

Thank you!

Job Vacancy Notice

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is recruiting for office personnel in the Nome Corporate office!

Job Title: President

Location:Position is based in Nome, Alaska

Duties: Serves as Principal Executive Officer for Sitnasuak Native Corporation and is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of Sitnasuak Native Corporation and subsidiary companies, located in Nome, Alaska. Shall oversee the implementation of policies, procedures, directives, by-laws, strategic plans for Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Maintains regular contact and communications with the Chairman and the CEO. In cooperation with the Chairman and the CEO, represent the Board in relations with shareholders, communicating with shareholders regarding shareholder concerns and corporate shareholder policies, benefits and activities. While directly responsible to the board for the business of the corporation, the President delegates much of the responsibility for the day-to-day functioning of the administration, shareholders and land departments in the implementation of their responsibilities. Oversee the selection and disposition of culturally-designated SNC lands under Section 14(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, home site and allotment programs.

Minimum Qualifications: SNC shareholder/descendant/spouse of shareholder. Bachelors Degree (B.A.) preferred. Two year Associate's Degree (A. A.) in Business Management or related field preferred. Five (5) years experience required in a senior or executive level management role. Effective people manager with innate ability to lead and develop direct reports. Working knowledge and track record of leading and managing the contract acquisition process through previous experience. Excellent communication skills. Strong interpersonal and relationship building skills, self motivation and able to work without direct oversight or supervision.

Closing date: March 4, 2011
Salary: DOE

SNC offers competitive benefits including medical, dental and retirement

To apply: Provide the following to HR Manager: 1.) completed SNC Employment application, 2.) Letter of interest with detailed resume, and 3.) Three (3) letters of recommendation.

Contact: Cynthia Olanna, Human Resources Manager at **387-1228** or email: colanna@snc.org with questions.

Sitnasuak Native Corporation is an Equal Opportunity Employer and conducts shareholder and descendant preference hiring under P.L. 93-638.



Job Title: Staff Accountant

Location: Position is based in Nome, Alaska

Company: Sitnasuak Native Corporation

Schedule: Monday-Friday -8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Pay Schedule: \$32.00/hour

Duties: This position will support the Controller in carrying out the responsibilities of the Finance/Accounting Department. Reconcile all bank and investment account statements monthly for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Reconcile subsidiary ledgers for accounts receivable and accounts payable monthly for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Reconcile intercompany accounts on a monthly basis. Assist controller in monthly closing process and preparation of monthly financial statements. Review GL coding of invoicing to determine reasonableness and accuracy. Coordinate with accounts receivable clerk in posting adjustments to customer accounts. Prepare and post monthly journal entries for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Prepare monthly city sales tax reports for SNC and Nome-based subsidiaries. Assist controller with annual audit preparation and year-end closing of books. Assist controller with various projects and other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: Four year degree in accounting, or year for year experience in accounting. Working knowledge of personal computers and experience with accounting software. Experience with Great Plains Dynamics software helpful. Must be highly skilled in Excel spreadsheets. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Professional and neat appearance.

Closing date: March 9, 2011

To apply: Obtain an employment application from the Human Resources office at Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Upstairs of the Bonanza Express Store.

Contact: Cynthia Olanna, Human Resources Manager at **387-1228** or email: colanna@snc.org with questions.

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Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday March 13. Turn you clocks ahead when you go to bed Saturday night.



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

NSHC is currently recruiting for the following positions:

- Analyst/Coder
- Clinical Associate
- Eye Care Assistant
- Patient Accounts Representative
- Tribal Healer
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Community Health Aides (village based and Nome based)
- Village Based Counselor-Elim

For a complete list of our vacancies and more information, please go to www.nortonsoundhealth.org or visit the NSHC Human Resources Department.

Norton Sound Health Corporation
NSHC Human Resources Department
306 W 5th Ave
Nome, AK 99762
907-443-4530

NSHC offers competitive wages and benefits. NSHC will apply Alaska Native/American Indian (under PL 93-638), EEO, Veteran Preferences. To ensure consumers are protected to the degree prescribed under federal and state laws, all applicants are subject to a pre-employment background check and drug screen.

Legals

OWNER FINANCE AVAILABLE — Land for sale by sealed bid: Marilyn Oyoumick, owner, Native Allotment F17506, 119.20 acres on the Unalakleet River, Alaska, USS 5306, Lot4. Accessible by boat and snow machine. Opening bid of \$120,000.00, cash or terms. Deferred payment plan is available; please ask Kawerak LMS for details. TITLE TO LAND SOLD AS A RESULT OF THIS ADVERTISEMENT WILL BE CONVEYED IN A FEE SIM-

PLE STATUS BY APPROVED DEED. TERMS AVAILABLE ARE CASH OR DEFERRRED PAYMENT AS SPECIFIED. Sealed bid opening on March 17, 2011 at 3:00PM. Contact Kawerak, Inc., Land Management Services, P.O. Box 948, Nome, AK 99762. AWARD WILL BE MADE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER WHO MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE OWNER. Instructions and further info are available at the above office or by phone, toll free within Alaska 1-800-443-4316, direct (907) 443-4326. Terms of sale specified thereon. 1/13-20-27; 2/3-10-17-24; 3/3-10-17

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES SPACE FOR UAF-AFES NOME HOUSING EXTENSION

The University of Alaska currently leases a four-bedroom, two-bathroom, residence with a washer/dryer and garage for housing space in Nome, Alaska. This lease is due to expire on June 30, 2011. The Lessor has expressed a willingness to renegotiate a lease extension for a one (1) year period with one (1) additional one-year renewal option. The University feels that the facility offers unique advantages for the operation of its research programs, thus best meeting the needs of the Nome community. Owners of other facilities, or interested parties, who have space of a comparable size and quality that they are willing to provide to the University under the same terms and conditions, including an occupancy date of July 1, 2011, please submit a written offer to: University of Alaska Fairbanks, Facilities Services, Attention: Real Estate Management, PO Box 757380, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-7380 or via facsimile to 907-474-2661 by the close of business on March 22, 2011. Such offers, if deemed suitable, may be considered for acceptance by the University, or it may be determined that a competitive process is necessary, in which case all interested parties may be given the opportunity to participate. If the University does not receive any such offers by the close of business on March 22, 2011, it will presume that no other comparable space is available and may enter in to direct negotiations for space from the current Lessor. If you have any questions please contact Diana Martin at 907-474-6962 or dmartinp@alaska.edu. 3/3-10-17

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City of Nome Police Department

John J. Papasodora
Chief of Police

The City of Nome, Alaska is recruiting for POLICE OFFICER I candidates. Recruitment is open until positions are filled.

POLICE OFFICER I is an entry level position with the City of Nome Police Department. Responsibilities of the position involve providing basic police services to a community of approximately 3500 residents to include: crime prevention; community based policing; enforcement of criminal and traffic laws/ordinances; and other duties within the scope of a rural Alaska police officer.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS include the following:

- 21 year of age at the time of application;
- High school diploma or equivalent;
- Good moral character;
- Ability to pass a physical examination; psychological screening; and polygraph examination; and
- No serious criminal history that would disqualify the applicant.

PAY AND BENEFITS include a starting wage of \$24.55 an hour; paid leave; health insurance; and participation in the Public Employees Retirement System.

PREFERENCE will be given to certified police officers who may qualify for advanced step placement.

APPLICATIONS/FORMS may be obtained by sending an email indicating interest to jpapasodora@nomealaska.org or vmusich@nomealaska.org Candidates who qualify and are chosen for testing will be provided transportation and lodging at the City's expense to complete the testing sequence.

The City of Nome is an equal opportunity employer.

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CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-11-02-02 An Ordinance Amending Section 2.15.070(a)(1)(A) of the Nome Code of Ordinances Changing the Regular City Council Meetings to 5:30 p.m. on the Second and Fourth Wednesdays of the Month.

This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on February 28, 2011 at 7:30 PM and were passed to second reading, public hearing and final passage at a regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **March 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.** in City Council Chambers of City Hall located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinances are available in the office of the City Clerk.

**STATE OF ALASKA
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR
THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT NOME**

In the Matter of a change of Name for:
Nikolai Ivanovich Ivanoff,

CASE NO: **2NO-11-00041CI**
ORDER FOR HEARING, PUB LICATION AND POSTING

Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court (Case # **2NO-11-00041CI**) requesting a name change from (current name) **Nikolai Ivanovich Ivanoff** to **Nikolai Alexander Ivanoff**. A hearing on this request will be held on **March 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.**
2/10-17-24 and 3/10

**PROPOSED ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The public is encouraged to participate in the development of the State of Alaska (except Anchorage) Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for SFY 2012.

This Plan is required to receive federal funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and the HOME Investment Partnership Programs. The Plan Draft includes general principles and priorities for use of these funds; description of the lead entity responsible for the Plan; citizen partic-

ipation/consultation; housing needs assessment for the homeless, specific income groups, special needs groups, and lead-based paint hazards; housing market analysis including homeless facilities, special needs facilities and services, and barriers to fair housing. It also provides a strategy for meeting the identified needs, addressing barriers to fair housing and lead-based paint hazards; non-housing community development plan; anti-poverty strategy; analysis of institutional structure and its coordination; public housing resident initiatives; and low-income housing tax credit use. The **SFY2012 Annual Action Plan** is the second annual implementation plan of the current 5-Year HCD Plan. The AAP Draft specifically details how **CDBG, ESG and HOME** annual funding allocations will be used to carry out the strategy of the HCD Plan. It includes information on state programs that enhance these HUD programs. **This proposed Plan DRAFT will be available for public comments from March 3, 2011 to the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on April 4, 2011.** Submit comments in writing to Oscar Cedano at AHFC; PO Box 101020, Anchorage, AK, 99510-1020; by FAX at 907-338-2585; or by e-mail to ocedano@ahfc.state.ak.us . View the Plan at www.ahfc.us by selecting "Housing and Community Development (HCD) Planning Process", then clicking on links to the Plan by name. Hardcopies may be downloaded or requested by contacting Oscar Cedano at 330-8417; outside of Anchorage at 1-800-478-2432.

AHFC complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or special modifications to participate in the public comment process should call Oscar Cedano at 330-8417.

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

JAMES AND KATHLEEN HANSEN
Plaintiffs,
vs.
HARRIET B. LIVERMORE
her heirs, successors and assigns, and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,
Defendants.
Case No. 2NO-11-68 Civil

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANTS

TO: HARRIET B. LIVERMORE, her unknown heirs, successors and assigns and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein,
You, the defendant in the above entitled action, are hereby summoned and required to file with the court an answer to the complaint filed in this case. Your answer must be filed with the court at P.O. Box 1110, Nome, Alaska 99762 within 30 days after the last publication of this notice. In addition, a copy of your answer must be sent to the plaintiff's attorney LEWIS & THOMAS, P.C., whose address is P.O. Box 61, Nome, Alaska 99762. If you fail to file your answer within the required time a default judgment may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint
This is an action to quiet title to Mineral Survey 1214, situated near Dry Creek near Nome, Alaska, Cape Nome Recording District, Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

The relief demanded is that the interests of defendants Harriet B. Livermore, her unknown heirs, successors and assigns be declared null and void and removed as a cloud on title and that any and all other persons claiming a right, title or interest in the real estate described herein on any basis be forever enjoined and barred from asserting any claim whatsoever in and to the real property that is or may be adverse to the plaintiff.
You have been made a party to this action because you may claim some right, title, estate, lien or interest in the above described real property adverse to the plaintiff.
DATED: 3/4, 2011.

/s/ Gale Hagemeyer
CLERK OF COURT
3/10-17-24-31

in the house at the time of the fire and was unable to escape due to smoke and flames. Nome AST and the State Fire Marshal are at the scene and the investigation is ongoing. No names will be released until further information and facts are established in the investigation. Foul play is not suspected at this time. (Editor's note: As of March 8 there was still no name released by AST.)

On March 4, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Shishmaref VPSO Curtis Nayokpuk contacted Nome AST regarding a Search and Rescue mission. Information is that Zachery Nayokpuk left Brevig Mission via snow machine on March 3, at approximately 8:00 p.m. for Shishmaref and never arrived.

Trooper Anne Sears authorized a search group from Teller to travel with VPSO Nayokpuk on the trail. Nome AST will launch the 206 to do an aerial search of the trail with Teller spotters on board. Weather is clear with light winds and -7 °F. Nayokpuk was reported to be dressed warm. On March 4 at approximately 11:00 a.m., Teller Search and rescue group located Zachery Nayokpuk 6 miles from Brevig Mission. Nayokpuk's snowmachine got stuck 10 miles from Brevig Mission and he walked back towards the village approximately 4 miles to a shelter cabin where he was located. Nayokpuk is in good condition.

On March 5, at 12:51 p.m., AST received a report of a sexual assault in the Norton Sound area. A suspect has been identified. Criminal charges are pending the outcome of the investigation.

Trooper Beat

On February 28, the St. Michael VPO and VPSO responded to a report of an assault. After the investigation Bessie Nakak, 25, of St. Michael, was arrested for assaulting her boyfriend. He received minor injuries and was treated at the clinic and released. Nakak was held at the St. Michael jail and telephonically arraigned, she was then released on her own recognizance.

On March 3, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Unalakleet VPO Siwooko reported that Kurt Auliye, 44, of St. Michael was overdue from a snowmachine trip. Auliye was traveling from St. Michael to Unalakleet. Auliye was seen by other snowmachiners near the halfway point. Trail conditions were poor with overflow and deep snow. Other travelers reported getting stuck on the trail multiple times. Searchers from Unalakleet were sent to check the trail to where Auliye was last seen.

On March 3, at approximately 4:30 p.m., AST was notified that Auliye was located. Searchers and Auliye returned to Unalakleet safely. Auliye was in good condition and did not require medical treatment. Deep snow and poor trail conditions caused Auliye to become stuck and searchers were able to extricate him and get him to Unalakleet safely.

On March 3, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Stebbins Village Police Officers contacted Nome AST to report a residential house fire. At approximately 12:15 a.m., a Village Police Officer was on patrol in the village and noticed smoke coming from a residence. The VPO opened the front door and observed the living area to be engulfed in flames. It is believed that a single individual was

Court

Week ending March 4
Civil
Martin, Letia vs. Martin, Leroy; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Martin, Letia vs. Martin II, Lawrence P.; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children
Washington, Vivian V vs. State of Alaska; Criminal Sentence Appeal
Niclas, Norma vs. Patino, Tabitha; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children
Hansen, James et al vs. Livermore, Harriet B. et al; Quiet Title - Superior Court
In the Matter of: Johnson, Henry A. and Johnson, Genevieve P.; Dissolution Without Children - Superior Court
Iyapana, Anne Marie vs. Iyapana, Jerry; Divorce With Children - Superior Court
Capital One Bank (USA) NA vs. Sookiyak, Harvey; Debt - District Court
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority vs. Noongwook, Milton; Confession of Judgment - District Court
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority vs. Amaktoolik, Peter; Confession of Judgment - District Court
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority vs. Nayokpuk, Kathy; Confession of Judgment - District Court
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority vs. Olanna, Wilfred; Confession of Judgment - District Court
Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority vs. Toolie, Herman et al; Confession of Judgment - District Court
In the Matter of: Dickson Jr., Robert S. and Dickson, Piama A.; Dissolution Without Children - Superior Court

Small Claims

No current Small Claims filed

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Marissa Siwooko (12/8/95); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First Offense; Date of offense: 9/19/10; Fine: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court by 9/1/11; Probation until 9/30/11; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; May not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).
State of Alaska v. Milton Noongwook (5/13/60); 2NO-10-655CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110675556; Violated conditions of probation, no action taken; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Milton Noongwook (5/13/60); 2NO-11-39CR Count 1: Assault 4°; Date of offense: 1/9/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 360 days, 360 days suspended; Probation until 3/2/16; 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; Shall not contact, directly, or indirectly, B.W., or P.N. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Participate in and complete Anger Management treatment and aftercare as available in community.
State of Alaska v. Milton Noongwook (5/13/60); 2NO-11-39CR Count 2: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 1/9/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/2/16; 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; Shall not contact, directly, or indirectly, B.W., or P.N. without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Participate in and complete Anger Management treatment and aftercare as available in community.
State of Alaska v. Donald Oliver (12/21/79); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110010096; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 3/2/14; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Timothy James Lockwood (3/21/80); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110677077; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time; Remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Albert Johnson (11/25/60); Count 2: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 10/25/10; Any appearance or performance bond in this case is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 10 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 1/12/11 if time remaining; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

State of Alaska v. Martin Wood (12/18/73); Driving While License Canceled, Suspended or Revoked, or in Violation of Limitation; Date of offense: 8/27/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Driver's license, privilege to obtain a license and to operate a motor vehicle are revoked for 90 days concurrent with DMV action; Any license or permit shall be immediately surrendered to the court; 80 hours work service and show proof to court; Probation until 3/3/12; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violations of law.
State of Alaska v. Carolyn Sarren (10/23/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Defendant refused probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: All remaining time, remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Peter Ahkvaluk (2/12/41); 2NO-11-77CR Notice of Dismissal; Drunk on Licensed Premise; Filed by the DAs Office 3/2/11.
State of Alaska v. Peter Ahkvaluk (2/12/41); 2NO-11-108CR Notice of Dismissal; Violate Condition of Release; Filed by the DAs Office 3/2/11.
State of Alaska v. Jamone Cross (12/22/82); Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed 1/3/11; Filed by the DAs Office 3/2/11.
State of Alaska v. Dennis Ivanoff (6/18/90); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 3/2/11.
State of Alaska v. Christopher Dixon (3/19/84) Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: VCR; Filed by the DAs Office 3/2/11.
State of Alaska v. Brendon Oseuk (7/28/74) Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129571; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days, remanded into custody.
State of Alaska v. Wesley Katongan (3/19/87); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110698884; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 90 days, shall report to AMCC by 4/1/11; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Paul W. Hickerson (6/22/88); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110827584; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follows: Defendant to perform 150 hours of Community Work Service, due within 6 months; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.
State of Alaska v. Karen M. Ongtowasruk (11/21/72); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 5°; Date of offense: 11/23/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; Forfeit marijuana to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/22/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume marijuana.
State of Alaska v. Alexander Ashenfelter (11/6/66); Count 1: Assault 4°; DV; Date of offense: 9/12/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC consecutive to 2NO-10-554CR; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 1/7/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at request of any peace officer; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare.
State of Alaska v. Kaster Lockwood (2/11/74); Count 1: Misconduct Involving Weapons 4°; Date of offense: 11/26/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 360 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 180 shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Forfeit shotgun to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/28/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violations of these conditions of probation; Alcohol/Substance Abuse assessment within 20 days of release; Participate in and complete recommended treatment and aftercare; Other: No firearms in residence.
State of Alaska v. Billy J. Sheldon (2/23/90); Dismissal; Count 001: Criminal Trespass 2°; Count 002: Habitual Minor Consuming; Filed by the DAs Office 2/28/11.
State of Alaska v. Dylan Nayokpuk (3/2/92); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 002: Burglary

2° Filed by the DAs Office 2/17/11.
State of Alaska v. Lara Carter (12/3/86); Driving Without Valid License; Date of offense: 10/3/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Police Training Surcharge: Shall pay \$50 through this court within 10 days; Jail Surcharge: \$100 with \$100 suspended; Probation until 2/22/12; Comply with all court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; No violations of law.
State of Alaska v. Dwayne Charles (5/9/65); Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 8/11/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 2/23/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall not contact, directly or indirectly, T. Lockwood without consent; Shall not possess or consume alcohol.
State of Alaska v. Brenda Siwooko (5/4/75); Importation of Alcohol; Date of offense: 8/5/10; Binding Plea Agreement; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 80 days, 60 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting to AMCC by 3/31/11; Fine: \$3000 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3000 fine through Nome Trial Courts by 3/1/12; Forfeit alcohol and money proceeds to State; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/3/14; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in local option community; Person and baggage subject to warrantless search en route to local option community; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation.
State of Alaska v. Christopher Dickson (3/19/84); Criminal Mischief 4°; Date of offense: 9/21/10; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 6 months, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 6 months shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to time imposed in 2NO-11-65CR; Jail Surcharge: \$50 with \$0 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.
State of Alaska v. Abel Apatiki (1/23/85); Count 1: Reckless Endangerment; Date of offense: 12/21/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 120 days, 90 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 have been served Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Restitution: Shall pay restitution as stated in the Restitution Judgment and shall apply for an Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend, if eligible, each year until restitution is paid in full; Amount to be determined within 30 days; Probation until 2/11/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer.
State of Alaska v. Dena Angi (7/21/92); Minor Consuming or in Possession or Control of Alcoholic Beverage; Fined: \$300 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay \$200 to Nome Clerk of Court by 7/1/11; Probation for 1 year (date of judgment: 3/3/11); Shall not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages; Shall pay the fine as ordered.

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George Minix, 50, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2° and Violating Conditions of Probation.
Donald Oliver, 31, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.
3/2
Barton Johnson, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence, Violating Conditions of Release and Minor Consuming Alcohol.
3/3
Bryan Contreras, 18, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.
3/4
Morgan Jack, 22, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct.
Shantah Esparza, 23, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV.
A Nome juvenile, 12, was issued a Citation for Driving without a Valid License.
Martin Okpealuk, 53, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for 5 counts of Assault 3°.
3/5

A Nome juvenile, 12, received a citation for Curfew.
A Nome juvenile, 11, received a citation for Curfew.
Ward Kakoona, 25, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, DV and Violating Conditions of Probation.
Nancy Kiyuklook, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violation of Felony Probation.
3/6
Irene Maloney, 39, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 3°, DV.
3/7
Eddie Smith, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Criminal Trespass 2°.
Amy Panipthuk, 30, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Resisting Arrest and Violating Conditions of Probation.
During this period we had 10 persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47 Hold.

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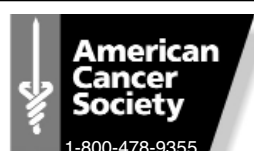
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Photo top: RUNNING — Canadian musher and last year's second place finisher Hans Gatt runs his dog team to the ceremonial start line in downtown Anchorage.

Photo top middle: KUSKO CHAMPION — Kasilof musher Paul Gebhardt claimed a major victory when he won this year's Kuskokim 300 race and is considered a serious contender to run away with the Iditarod championship as well.



Photo by Al Grillo

IDITAROD — Jamaican musher Newton Marshall, runs his team up the starting chute of the official start of Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Willow, Alaska, March 6. Sixty-two mushers started the 1,100 mile sled dog race to Nome.



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TOUGH LADY — Kelley Griffin of Knik, talking to lead dog Bounty, is the first woman who finished the Yukon Quest and Iditarod in the same year. This year, she mastered a tough Yukon Quest and came in fifth place. She is running her third Iditarod.



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NOME DIGNITARIES — Nome's mayor Denise Michels and John Handeland were on hand at the ceremonial Iditarod start in Anchorage.



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STYLISH — Scottish musher Wattie McDonald showed some legs and donned a kilt at the ceremonial start in Anchorage.



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CROWD FAVORITE — Willow musher Deedee Jonrowe shows her dog Bandit before the ceremonial race start on Fourth Avenue in Anchorage.



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There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, **and**
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, **or**
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

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