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LAST TRAIN TO SNOWHERE — Not quite ready to leave the station, but chugging through the drifts, the “Last Train to Nowhere” shows its stacks at Solomon last week.

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EARNs HER MASTER'S— Pearl Mikulski gets a hug from UAF Student Services Director Kacey Miller at Northwest Campus commencement May 5. Mikulski's Master of Arts is in Rural Development. See story page 8.

Dredges, Rock Creek Mine facing uncertain future

By Diana Haecker

Although the bucket lines stopped churning long ago and Nome's dredges have been sitting idle in their dredge ponds as symbols of the town's mining heritage, they are now subject of discussions as to what their future should hold. Dredges

2,3,5 and 6 changed owners recently when NovaGold Resources Inc. decided that its Nome holdings — including the Rock Creek mine and Big Hurrah — are not core assets anymore and the whole lot is for sale. NovaGold, parent company of Alaska Gold Co., sold more than 11,000 acres of land and patented mining claims in and around Nome to a newly created Alaska company named Nome Gold Alaska Corporation, based in Canada.

One of NGA's principal investors is Robert Salna. Salna said in an interview with *The Nome Nugget* that the company hasn't decided yet what the course of action is going to be regarding the dredges. He said that according to preliminary numbers, the mammoths of steel and wood would be too expensive to resuscitate and to be brought back to life as operat-

ing dredges. “They are heavily damaged from time and also have been

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City Council reviews School board budget

By Lori Head

There was only one item on Nome City Council's agenda of May 9—Nome Public School's FY 2012 budget. Because it was a work session no action was taken, only discussion. All six council members were present as Nome Public Schools Superintendent Jon Wehde presented the budget and council members asked questions. NPS Business Manager Cathi Wojtanek sat beside Wehde and fielded questions he had regarding amounts and percentages. Two school board members, Barb Amarok and Marie Tozier, were also present.

CIP & Fund Balance

Wehde explained, “We're going to use some CIP funding and some fund balance funding to balance this

year's budget. Not atypical for schools in our weight class: single site, about our enrollment. But it's a first for Nome.” He was referring to the \$273,789 withdrawal from the school's fund balance, as well as the \$200,000 Boiler CIP (Capital Improvement Project) and \$130,473 Alarm and Transfer CIP amounts under the revenue section of the budget summary.

Three percent increase on exempt and administrative contracts

Councilman Stan Andersen asked what the percentage increase was on exempt and administrative contracts. Wojtanek answered, “It was a three percent increase.” Wehde added that “in terms of administrative contracts for next year, I ditched two posi-

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Utility bridge is coming down, coming down

By Sandra L. Medearis

NJUS water department has reduced the amount of fluoride in the city's drinking water, according to an advisory from two federal agencies. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with the Environmental Protection Agency have issued a joint statement saying they were wrong in recommending 1.2 mg/liter in northern areas and only 0.7 mg./liter in warmer, southern areas. Recent data do not show a convincing relationship between fluid intake and ambient air temperature. Hence, fluoridation in Nome has gone down to 0.7 mg/liter. This is the lowest range in the current DHSS recommendation for fluoride,

which the DHSS says is a cost-effective method for delivering fluoride for the prevention of tooth decay. Other health experts say the need for fluoride in drinking water is hog-wash.

The current short bridge leading from Seppala Drive to Port Road going past Nome Joint Utility System will be replaced by a relocated new bridge. NJUS hoped the old bridge would be retained as a walking bridge, or, suggested the public, a place away from the highway to cast fishing lines into the Snake River. Adios, sayonara, do svidaniya, kwa-heri, good-bye and boo-hoo, forget it. The state Dept. of Transportation

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Photo by Sandra Medearis

NOME ESKIMO COMMUNITY FIRE—A fire in the Nome Eskimo Community maintenance shop set alarms ringing at Fifth Avenue and Moore street Tuesday morning at about 5:45 a.m. Nome Volunteer Firefighters responded on a dime and had the fire contained by 7 a.m. Fire Chief Matt Johnson said the fire apparently started on the ground floor in the garage and moved to the upper building. A cause had not been determined Tuesday morning. About 25 firefighters responded to fight the blaze.

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tions.” The two positions eliminated were the Operations Manager and the Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator which Wehde estimated as “well north of \$200,000 savings in administration” to the budget.

39.9% increase in health insurance

Final rates came in from Aetna at a 39.9% increase for health insurance. The budget submitted to the City Council was based on a 40% increase. This rate doesn’t take effect until July 1, 2011 and Wehde announced that they have a broker meeting with a committee including Amarok to “shop up a better rate.”

Andersen also queried about the \$668,209 Supplies, Materials & Media expense. Wehde explained “it’s the division of doing business in all the schools for all the supplies that we purchase. Whether it be art or band music and you’ll find that it’s allocated across all of the pages in supply lines.” Andersen replied, “Toilet paper and everything.” “Exactly,” concluded Wehde.

Textbook replacement

Out of curiosity, councilman Jerald

Brown asked about the \$37,680 expense for social studies textbooks. He asked, “How often are textbooks typically replaced?” Wehde explained the school district runs on an eight year cycle with some textbook replacements being more costly than others.

Brown also asked about the Pre-K Pilot Project. Wehde acknowledged that former elementary school principal Carl White’s application “got us on board” for that program and that pending the governor’s action he felt encouraged that it would be funded again in FY12. Brown then asked the school board members in the audience what their perspective was on this program “even after this funding disappears.” Amarok stated, “Personally, I absolutely support anything we can do to help students before they hit kindergarten.” She later said, if necessary, it would be absolutely be on the table for discussion with the board and Tozier nodded in agreement.

Dual Leadership Position

“Quite a load,” was how Councilwoman Josie Stiles described David

Keller’s dual position as principal of Nome Elementary School and Special Education Director. She asked if that was going to continue. Wehde responded with a 48 month history of “shrinking administration” with the director of maintenance and director of special education positions being cut previously. Then began a hiring of a special education coordinator, to an “offshore” special education director who came to Nome once a month, to again cutting the position. Currently, Wehde explained that Sandy Harvey serves as Special Education Coordinator with 20 years of experience and David Keller as the director of special education, and “90 percent of the day” as principal of NES.

FY13 warning

“I will tell you this budget takes us through one more year of Keller/Harvey. And I know, based on the needs and the budget in FY13, there’s going to be quite a shake up. OK. I’m sorry I won’t be here for the party. It’s been a good eight

Letters

Dear Editor:

Sometime we have to leave our loved ones to bring ourselves into higher consciousness. Constantly being pulled down to the level of the criminal mind (laziness), it gets old when on a journey of self-discovery. Going back to the mentality of a toddler, (always wanting to learn new things) gives you reason enough to get up each day and often with zest for the new discoveries and/or creations you will make that day.

I want to thank my parents for giving me a sense of security and freedom. I thank my mother who explained to me how she had to let me go, freed me from the protective mother she is. That is love, my friends in newspaper land. Keep love alive by sharing it with those you care about the most; it will start you on a journey. So long as you stay on the path, wealth in forms you never knew before will start to appear as if by magic. Warren S. Rock Brevig Mission Alaska 99785 rockwsr@gmail.com

Correction May 5 Nome Nugget

U.S. and international intelligence have sought Osama’s hiding place to get him in the crosshairs even before he and terrorist organization al Qaeda were credited with masterminding a plot to hijack civilian airplanes and drive them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing more than 3,000 people.

years. But I just balanced our budget in this little school district for the first time in history from fixed assets. I don’t like doing that. But I also kept 113 people at their post and we need every one of them to take care of our 660 kids. There’s going to be some changes next year. All of our soft money people are not being paid with funds you can arbitrarily go to,” cautioned Wehde.

District turnover

Stiles also asked the school board to consider the turnover the school district has had with superintendents and principals in the past four years and suggested they “focus on retention.” Wehde assured the Council that strong and stable leadership is in place for future school years.

A Look at the Past



Photo courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum
DO YOU KNOW HER? — “Marmachina” is the name of this sparkling beauty in a 1908 photograph taken by F.H. Nowell of Nome.

Editorial

Sensationalism and Igrorance

Politics and the run for the Presidency of the United States should involve statesmanship, intelligence and leadership. It’s turned into a circus sideshow with a blowhard billionaire, a pizza franchise owner and a ding-a-ling bunch of former governors. Oh, there have been some real comedians run for the executive office— Will Rogers, Alfred E. Newman, Pogo and some real nuts, too. It is frightening how folks could take “The Donald” as a serious candidate, yet there is a pattern of unreality that plagues politics these days. These politicians are making issues out of nonsense. The birthers are just downright jerks. Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, son of immigrant parents, has released his birth certificate— and so has Donald Trump, at least we think they were born in the United States. The ignorance about science is so shameful that they think global warming is a hoax, that evolution is just another theory like the one that says the earth is just 6,000 years old, that contraception causes abortion, and that spending cuts alone will balance the budget. Seekers of National office are not the only sources of cheap vaudeville thrills. The state government in Juneau has its own three-ring circus. There is never a dull moment and while all this wackiness is happening the Rapture enthusiasts are planning to float off to heaven May 21. Maybe they will leave their money to the rest of us who are left behind. — N.L.M. —

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	05/19/11	05:28 a.m.		13° 05/07/11	
Sunset	05/12/11	12:07 a.m.	Low Temp	30 mph, W, 05/09/11	
	05/19/11	12:31 p.m.	Peak Wind	3.27"	
			Precip. to Date	3.08"	
			Normal		

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News from around the state

Compiled by Diana Haecker

Alaska Redistricting Board executive director dies

Ron Miller, the executive director of the Alaska Redistricting Board, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Sunday. Miller was 65 years old and is survived by his wife Oksana and children Kolya and Katya. Until a new director is hired, the board's assistant director Taylor Bickford will assume the responsibility of day-to-day operational management. The board is currently drawing up a final redistricting plan and hopes to get it done by the June 14 deadline. Miller worked as the executive director of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and the Alaska Energy Authority from 2003 to 2008. He was an international trade specialist for the Cowper Administration as and also worked as legal counsel to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Legislature moves operating budget, still stalled over capital budget

Things are moving as of day 22 of the special session of the legislature. The joint Senate-House conference committee passed the FY12 operating budget, and the FY12 mental health budget. The operating budget totals \$9.02 billion with \$5.7 billion coming from general funds. The budget includes \$40 million in additional funding for schools and communities as a result of the jump in state revenue and surpluses due to rising oil prices. Alaska's schools will receive a one-time \$20-million payment towards the base student allocation. Communities are about to get a one-time \$20 million allocation for community revenue sharing.

The budget also includes \$6.7 million for Alaska's Coastal Management program. The operating budget also changed funding for merit-based scholarships, which will now be approximately \$6 million with another \$3 million for needs-based scholarships. The budget includes \$1.7 for pre-kindergarten programs. Also, \$1 billion of savings was added to the state's statutory budget reserve fund, \$400 million was set aside for the Power Cost Equalization Endowment Fund, and \$60 million for a ferry replacement fund. Both budgets now head to Governor Sean Parnell for his signature.

With the first special session this year two-thirds over, there still is no compromise on the capital budget in

sight. The House Special Committee on Energy and the Resources held a 14-member joint hearing on Saturday on many of the capital budget energy projects boxed up in the Senate Finance Committee's contingency language. That language attempts to 'veto-proof' the projects as a single package, and has been the primary sticking point in negotiations with the Senate throughout the special session. The governor narrowed the to-do list down to ten bills. Five passed quickly, but three of the five outstanding bills – the capital budget, the Alaska Performance Scholarship legislation and renewal of the Alaska Coastal Management Program – have not left the Senate finance committee.



BP Alaska to pay \$25 million penalty for North Slope oil spill

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration last week announced that BP Exploration Alaska, Inc. settled to pay \$25 million in civil penalties. BP is also to implement a system-wide pipeline integrity management program. The penalty was levied for spilling more than 5,000 barrels of crude oil from the company's pipelines on the North Slope. The penalty is the largest per-barrel penalty to date for an oil spill.

Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA said that the spill occurred because of gross negligence and that this case sends a message that the EPA intends to insist that BP Alaska and other companies act responsibly to prevent pipeline oil spills. In March 2006, BP Alaska spilled approximately 5,054 barrels of crude oil and a second spill occurred in August 2006 with approximately 24 barrels of crude oil spilled.

Investigators from EPA and PHMSA determined that the spills were a result of BP Alaska's failure to properly inspect and maintain the pipeline to prevent corrosion. PHMSA issued a Corrective Action Order to BP Alaska that addressed the pipeline's risks and ordered pipeline repair or replacement. When BP Alaska did not fully comply with the terms of the corrective action, PHMSA referred the case to the Department of Justice.

This settlement also addresses Clean Air Act violations arising out of BP Alaska's improper asbestos removal along the pipeline in the aftermath of the spill. In 2007, BP Alaska pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor violation of the Clean Water Act for the March 2006 spill and was sentenced to three years probation, ordered to pay a \$20 million criminal penalty, including a \$12 million fine, \$4 million to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to support research and activities on the North Slope and \$4 million in restitution to the State of Alaska.

Parnell still challenges federal health care mandates

State of Alaska filed a court brief last week opposing the federal government's mandate that every American is required to purchase health insurance or face a penalty. The brief by the State of Alaska, 25 other states and the National Federation of Independent Businesses, was filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. The brief supports Federal District Court Judge Roger Vinson's ruling on the national health care reform law of 2009, which stated the individual mandate is unconstitutional for violating the commerce clause.

Kuskokwim floods Crooked Creek

The state's River Watch team said that high water has inundated homes in Crooked Creek. The Kuskokwim River flooded the village and 20 people had to be evacuated. Elderly people were airlifted out of the village with helicopters from Donlin Creek LLC. As of Monday, a dozen people are left in the flood area at Crooked Creek. Helicopters are standing by to fly them out if need be.

This year's breakup is unique as there was a thaw during Thanksgiving and when the river refroze, it did so in huge chunks of jumble ice.

Federal subsistence board recommends bycatch hard caps

The federal subsistence board met last week and proposed to add two seats for subsistence users from rural Alaska to the board. The board also addressed the issue of salmon bycatch and recommended that the North Pacific Fishery Management council set a hard cap of 15,000 king salmon as bycatch in the Gulf of Alaska Pollock fishery and a 50,000 chum salmon cap caught in the Bering Sea Pollock fishery.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 12 - May 18, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Thursday, May 12		
*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: Turkey and noodles	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.
*Medical/Denali Kid Care w/Brenda	Prematernal Home	2 p.m.
*Still Shining video	Prematernal Home	3:30 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.
*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
Friday, May 13		
*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: Sloppy joe on a roll	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 - 2)	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Two to Get Ready video	Prematernal Home	3 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. - 8 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, May 14		
*UMW Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8 p.m.
*Circuit Training	Nome Rec Center	12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
*The Miracle of Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Relax video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 15		
*Water Aerobics	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Baby Safety video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Infertility video	Prematernal Home	3 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.
*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, May 16		
*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: To be determined	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5 p.m.
*Newborn Hearing video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Sacred Trust-Against FAS	Prematernal Home	3 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, May 17		
*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: To be determined	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.
*Sexually Transmitted Disease video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Ear Infections video	Prematernal Home	3 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. - 8:30 p.m. ONLY
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:30 p.m.
Nome Joint Utility Systems reg mtg	Council Chambers	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18		
*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: To be determined	Nome Public Schools	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
*Baby Bottle Tooth Decay video	Prematernal Home	11 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 10 p.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*NACTEC Swim	Pool	1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
*Choices in Child Birth video	Prematernal Home	1 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)
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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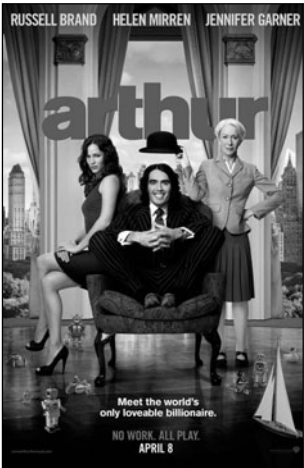


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Planning panel considers Camp 5 Subdivision

By Sandra L. Medearis

Alaska Gold has applied to the Nome Planning Commission for preliminary approval of a major subdivision plat laid out on both sides of the Bob Blodgett Highway in the vicinity of the historic Camp 5

bunkhouse and mess hall. The area is near the curve of the road as it goes past the softball fields.

The subdivision would be located mostly on thawed ground, dredge tailings, covering several of Alaska Gold Co.'s U.S. Mineral Survey

patented claims with historic and colorful names, including Yellow Jacket Placer, Bessie Bench Placer and Mabel Bench Placer. It is not anticipated that anyone will build homes on the subdivision. No sewer and water hookups will be needed.

Alaska Gold, a subsidiary of NovaGold, simply wants the land, 27.38 acres, divided into tracts to ease title transfer on the land south of the highway to Nome Gold Alaska Corp. of Fairbanks, according to AGC land manager Nikolai Ivanoff.

While the planning panel did not approve the plat at its May 3 meeting, it promised to meet soon to take up the issue provided Alaska Gold completes some work orders: per-

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• Dredges, mine

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vandalized, so we need to take a good look at possible renovation costs," Salna said. "The highest probability is that they will be donated to the town eventually."

Salna added that there is gold underneath them and that Nome Gold Alaska would remove the gold, which would entail moving the dredges from their current locations, recovering the gold and then bringing them back to their old spot.

Salna also said that there are no plans to dismantle them and sell them as scrap metal. "The dredges will stay in Nome," Salna assured.

The issue has not been brought before the city council yet.

Before NovaGold sold the placer mining claims to Nome Gold Alaska, the Pioneers of Alaska raised the concern that Nome's dredges may be disposed of. The Nome Igloo #1 and the Grand Igloo Pioneers of Alaska passed a resolution last fall that urged the preservation of relics and specifically gold dredges and mining equipment. The resolution passed

during the 94th grand igloo convention in Ketchikan "urges the State of Alaska, our local government entities and other civic organizations and the business community to join in a concerted effort to preserve and protect the relics of our history."

It also "implores the current owners of all gold dredges and other historic implements of our mining history to take necessary steps to insure they remain, whether by direct preservation by the current owner or if they are unable, to seek alternative measures such as transfer of the historic memorabilia to a community development or preservation organization, and to take any and all other steps to prevent their destruction or removal."

Rock Creek closure discussed with state regulators

The other idle asset of NovaGold in Nome is the Rock Creek gold mine, which has been in care and maintenance status since November 2008, after the mine had started up difficulties that were not resolved.

As the mine sits unproductive year

after year, the company is working on getting a better handle on the water accumulation problem behind the tailings facility dam. NovaGold applied for a permit to discharge water — after it has been treated — to the surface and into Rock Creek. Allen Nakanishi with the Department of Environmental Conservation explained the permit would be valid for five years while the mine is in temporary closure and that it would only allow the discharge of treated water from the water treatment plant meeting water quality standards into Rock Creek. The maximum flow rate would be 500 gallons per minute.

In addition, water from the treatment plant is injected back into the earth via the injection gallery, but a surface discharge would allow the company to reduce the water level at the Tailings Facility Dam at a faster

rate.

The state's dam safety engineer Charlie Cobb said that the current water level behind the dam is sufficiently low to not pose a concern for the integrity of the dam. He said the dam is 53 feet high at its highest point and that the water level is less than 30 feet high at the toe of the dam.

Department of Natural Resources large mine coordinator Jack DiMarchi said that regulators are currently working with NovaGold to develop a closure plan. They were given a draft closure plan that is the subject of meetings between the company's engineers and state regulators later this week.

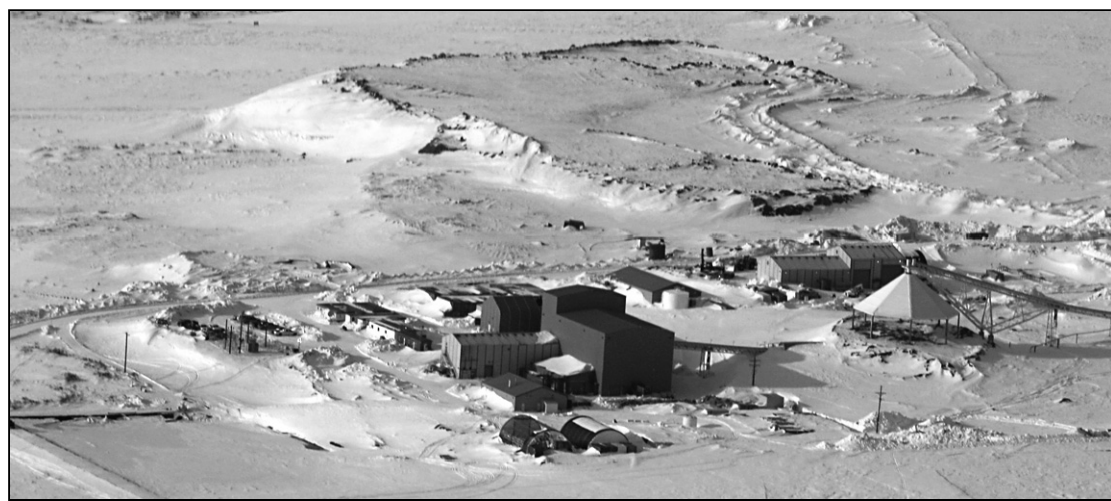
One aspect of closure entails the removal of the tailings behind the dam to dispose of them in the mining pit. Since the cyanide circuit was

never operational, the tailings are considered "benign" and can be put back into the mining pit and capped with soil.

Cobb explained that at closure, the 3,000 foot long dam would be breached at its lowest lying point with a V-shaped cut. This would prevent the accumulation of water in the future.

Specifics of the plan have not been made public as state regulators and the mining company are in the beginning stages to work out details to close the mine.

NovaGold has not announced whether or not it intends to close the mine. A request for an interview with the company's spokesperson was not answered in time for this article.



UNCERTAIN FUTURE— Rock Creek Mine on Glacier Creek Road sits idle. Nugget file photo

• Utility bridge

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and Public Facilities has notified the utilities manager, John K. Handeland that the state does not want to pay to maintain the old bridge and has given NJUS orders to move utilities off the bridge so it can be demolished.

The project to take down the bridge will go to bid in October. Before the bid packets go out, NJUS has to move the electrical distribution line, the communication utilities, two 8-inch water mains serving the Airport domestic loop, a 12-inch water main coming in from Moonlight Springs, another 10-inch water main, and a six-inch sewer force main. After agreements are in place, the state will pay for preliminary planning and relocation of the services.

There is still no word on what the electrical power surcharge per kilowatt will be on power bills for the coming year. Handeland said the oil purchase price had not been signed, but the price per gallon would depend on an average computed based on an average over 30 days of Platts index prices. The Western Alaska Fuel Group, a bulk-purchasing group of which NJUS is a member, has

taken bids on fuel transport and selected Vitus Marine as the 2011 fuel supplier. Vitus Marine was the low bidder, and in using Vitus Marine, WAFG will be supporting the neighboring coop, Alaska Village Electric Coop.

Mark Smith and Shaen Tarter, who worked together for many years at Yukon Fuel, formed Vitus Marine in 2009. The barge company will work the Western Alaska waters and is owned by a subsidiary of AVEC that manages 33 village utilities. Vitus Marine is an investment of \$12 million by AVEC to insert competition into a market dominated by Crowley Maritime, for a projected savings of \$2.5 million over a five-year contract. Vitus Marine has two tug boats, each 75 feet long, and two barges, one 200 feet long and one 76 feet long. The larger barge has 10 separate tanks for carrying different kinds of fuel products.

NJUS will have to prepay the fuel refiners, and has secured a loan through Wells Fargo bank to meet costs when determined.

The NJUS board has approved a spending plan for fiscal year 2011 to the tune of around \$13 million. The budget next goes to the City of Nome for final approval.



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Port Commission wants sunken barge, *Lulu*, removed from outer harbor
Design options for third causeway dock and ramp discussed

By Laurie McNicholas
The sunken barge visible in the port's outer harbor between the causeway and the breakwater is a safety hazard and should be removed, all five members of the Nome Port Commission agreed at a work session on May 4. Harbormaster Joy Baker said the barge is named *Lulu*.
Charlie Lean said he noticed more than one response to the city's community survey calling for removal of the barge. He also quoted a response from a parent whose son loves to jump off the barge. Lean described metal on the barge as "sharp and nasty." He said a kid could put his foot through it and get a serious injury. Cam Kristenson said a kid who jumps off the barge could hit his head, or a boat could come at it in a storm.
"It takes up space and serves no purpose," noted Jeff Darling. Jim Adams said the barge creates eddies and causes siltation.
"I was chomping at the bit to tear it down last year," said Jim West, Jr., Port Commission chairman. "I talked him out of it," said Harbor-

master Joy Baker, noting that the work is not authorized or funded.
The commissioners endorsed removing *Lulu* during a discussion of changes needed to improve efficient use of the harbor with Eileen Bechtol of Bechtol Planning and Development. She is helping the city update the Nome comprehensive plan and draft a plan for port and harbor development. Bechtol gave the commissioners copies of responses to community survey questions about opportunities for Nome in the port, shipping and fisheries; development of the middle beach area; and suggestions for development projects at the port and harbor. The survey results are posted on the City of Nome web site, as is an aerial photo of the port and harbor that identifies sites in the area.
Lean suggested increasing dock space on the west side of the inner harbor by Whitney's building shop and dredging the area to accommodate small boats.
Bechtol asked if changes are needed for developing uplands around the port. West suggested developing the north side of the port industrial pad for parking and storage. Darling asked whether land should be purchased from Alaska Gold for port expansion. Bechtol asked where the land is. "It's a variety of areas around the port pad, and we are to decide if we want some or all of it," said Baker. She said the city administration is discussing the purchase with an Alaska Gold representative and the city council.
Bechtol asked the commissioners for ideas to make the port a hub for fisheries research and other arctic research, and a staging area for oil exploration and drilling in arctic waters. "NSED has a small lab and we talk to research groups and say here we are," replied Lean, the director of fisheries research and development for Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. He said research groups need assistance with logistics such as transshipping specimens, crew switching and receiving and holding nets. NSED and the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game provide assistance to agencies they work with, he added.
Lean said local people could be employed as boat operators and science technicians if research groups can be persuaded to view Norton Sound as a research stop. Bechtol asked if local boat owners should be encouraged to get six-pack licenses to provide services to research vessels. Lean said a Coast Guard icebreaker is used for research funded by the National Science Foundation.
"When it comes offshore, they need a lighter to go out there — a harbor taxi to put people on and take stuff off," Lean said. "We have 50-foot vessels in town. If more of those guys had six-pack licenses, they could do that between fishing." He said two research vessels will conduct trawl surveys in Norton Sound this summer: The state will use the *Pendalus*, and the National Marine Fisheries Service will use a larger vessel for work on the north shore of Norton Sound and out in the Bering Strait.
Kristenson, who works for Crowley Marine Services, said he has been dealing with Shell Oil Co. Last week

Shell submitted a plan to the Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation and Enforcement to drill up to four exploratory wells in the Beaufort Sea in the summers of 2012 and 2013. Kristenson said a lot of tasks are piling up in relation to Shell's plans.
Baker noted that Shell won't drill in the Beaufort Sea this summer. Shell abandoned plans for exploratory drilling in the Beaufort in 2011 after the Environmental Appeals Board remanded air permits for the work back to the Environmental Protection Agency. Kristenson said Shell didn't work in the Beaufort last summer, but three of the company's vessels still came through Nome. "If they drill and find something...this is to be their base," Kristenson said. "They are talking leasing all the land around the warehouses from Crowley."
Baker said new fenders are needed in the dock around the Crowley space. "So we need to include that," Bechtol noted. She asked whether the port and harbor development

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• **Camp 5 Subdivision**

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form perk tests on the soil (to show rate of water absorption), show an easement for access to an existing utility pole on the plat and come to a solution for an exterior boundary that may run through two of the Camp Five buildings south of the highway—perhaps an easement for the life of the buildings.
Wait a minute, Judy Martinson said from the audience at City Hall. "Putting in an easement for the life of the buildings asks for plowing down historic buildings," Martinson said. Commissioners said Alaska Gold owned the issue, that it wasn't their job to solve the boundary line, but just to approve or disapprove the preliminary plat.
George Krier, surveyor, spoke to the subdivision issue via telephone from Florida. AKG was ready to meet planners' requirements, he said.
"We want to complete the subdivision so the title transfer can take place. Whatever hoops we have to jump through, that's what we'll do."
Following preliminary plat approval, final approval is anticipated in August. In mid-March, NovaGold Resources, Inc. announced a pact to sell Nome Gold Alaska Corp. 11,500 acres held by subsidiary AGC for \$21 million. NovaGold, which also owns real estate lots and sand and gravel sites, is looking for additional buyers for its holdings, including Rock Creek Mine and Big Hurrah Mine.
In other business, the planning group decided to forward to the Nome Common Council for its approval the inclusion of additional land under a general permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to lo-

cally manage wetlands. The City's existing general permit expires in July. Under the last renewal in 2006, the City added 54 acres. This time, the planners think it is a good idea to add pieces that include the area around the small boat harbor to West "E" Street and Snake River-Belmont Point, a piece of land by East End Park, the Port of Nome industrial pad, the "State Trailers" area south of the Snake River and Darling Subdivision near the Lester Bench Road across from the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center, also known as "Springerville."
From the audience, resident Chick Trainor wanted more information, saying he thought the federal government was encroaching too much on what states could do, and was the federal government expanding into further area.
Almost the opposite, planning head Tom Sparks explained. The move was basically cutting the Corps out of the permitting process on those lands. Including these areas under the City's general permit meant a person wanting to fill a lot would go to the City rather than going as an individual to the Corps of Engineers for a permit. The fill permit, if granted, would be included in the building permit, Sparks explained.
"I think it is a good thing to add as much as we can to help us locally," he said. "Once we find out how much money it is going to cost, the City is going to cut it [the proposed additions] back a bit."

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ACSA 8th graders travel to Washington, D.C.



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ON THE STEPS OF THE SUPREME COURT — Back row, left to right: Tate Coler, Maisie Thomas, Nathaniel Appolloni, Alexis Hutson, Todd Hindman, Lacy Erickson, Daniel Head. Front row, left to right: Klay Baker, Matthew Appolloni, Rena Sparks.

By Lori Head

Public Transit Etiquette 101: “You need to have your exact fare ready before you board the bus, and boys, if you have a seat on the bus or metro, it’s polite to offer it to a lady who is standing,” instructed Todd Hindman, principal/teacher of Anvil City Science Academy.

And so the seven-day journey began. This would be the fifth trip Hindman has organized, and then led, of ACSA eighth graders to Washington, D.C.

On day one, fresh off the subway, what national monument did the group visit first? The merry-go-round. Hindman explained, “Every year the group wants to do this.” With that accomplished, the remain-

der of the visit would be packed with historic monuments, museums, artifacts, documents, buildings and graves.

One record-breaking long day began with an official meeting time of 6 a.m. in the lobby, unofficially at 4 a.m. due to East Coast birds chirping, to be at a tour of the White House by 7:30 a.m. The day concluded around 10:30 p.m. as bus Line 1 dropped off the weary ACSA students across the street from the 4 H Conference Center where they stayed.

A pedometer would have told an interesting story as this group walked, and walked, and walked. They walked to the National Museum of the American Indian, to the National Museum of Natural History and to

the National Air and Space Museum. One evening, after a full day of walking, they walked for an additional three hours at the National Mall with the “Memorials by Moonlight” guided tour of the Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Washington memorials among others. Casualties were only physical in nature with numerous blisters and at least two broken pairs of shoes. Spirits remained high and pleasant.

At the National Archives and Records Administration, the eighth graders saw the actual Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights in a dimly lit room. Outside, on brightly lit steps of the Supreme Court, they heard someone exercising one of the Bill of Rights’ freedoms, freedom of speech, as the demonstrator shared his written views on a sign and as he addressed a captive audience waiting in a line to hear the Supreme Court.

All senses were expanded as these ACSA students viewed the ruby red slippers Dorothy wore in the movie, “The Wizard of Oz,” or listened to the clicking sound of sparkling black, military shoes during the changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The group also heard the double bell warning with a recorded voice at the metro warning, “doors closing” as it left behind Hindman and a few students, thereby earning him the nickname of “Mr. Left Behindman.”

As the students walked through a hallway of hundreds of pairs of shoes taken off of Holocaust victims, the smell of death, sorrow and cruelty was overwhelming in the darkened leather at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. And finally, the sense of taste was enjoyed as the group of 16 – nine students, one teacher and six parent chaperones – were graciously invited into the home of Robby and Connie Brewer for a delicious dinner. Robby is the



photo by Lori Head
SPONGE BOB — Rena Sparks and Alexis Hutson cool off enjoying some ice cream in the shade.

brother of Megan Brewer, a former teacher of Nome who recently passed away. He was so touched by Nome’s warmth and hospitality that he invited the group for dinner and also provided tickets to a baseball game where the Washington Nationals fell to the New York Mets by two runs.

The group also toured the Capitol Building, guided by two of Senator Lisa Murkowski’s aides, which included a visit to the Senate gallery. While the Senate was not in session,

there were instead Senate Pages, sitting on the Senate floor doing their homework in their blue blazers. It was explained to the group that it’s a one-semester program for 16-year-old students from all states, including Alaska.

Other than a generous donation from Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailer’s Association and four years of fundraising, this ultimate field trip was funded by the students and their families.



photo by Lori Head
ACTION — Enjoying a baseball game. Back row, left to right: Matthew Appolloni, Klay Baker, Lacy Erickson, Daniel Head, Nathaniel Appolloni, Tate Coler. Front row, left to right: Todd Hindman, Rena Sparks, Alexis Hutson, Maisie Thomas.

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Savoonga Students “Snow-It-All” in Spring Musical

By Christina Hoar

A handful of Savoonga students, led by teachers Jessie Petersen and Sarah Novak, performed a spring musical titled “Snow Biz” on April 30 for the community. The short performance, with a special guest appearance by fifth grade teacher Miss Nancy Bell, featured 10 Savoonga students, ranging from second to seventh graders, griping about the cold, learning how snow is made, and enjoying one of winter’s most fun pastimes: snowboarding.

Students spent about three months learning lines, music, and choreography, but it was the sense of fun and camaraderie that students enjoyed the most. After-school rehearsals were a lot of work, but it all paid off when the students walked onto the stage in the Savoonga gym for their one-time performance. Parents, family members, and teachers filled the gym bleachers in anticipation of the musical and, although the young

Thespians were nervous, the moment all eyes were on them, all anxiety seemed to melt away.

“Snow Biz” was the first school musical performed in Savoonga, and everyone in attendance thought it was a success. After the performance, audience members were overheard saying how great it was to see a musical performed and how proud they were of the students.

After the performance, Jessie stated, “The whole experience was a great opportunity to bring the arts into education for the students of Savoonga, something that I truly valued in my own educational experiences.” Sarah continued, “It’s important to give students the opportunity to develop their talents and an outlet to showcase them.” With the success of “Snow Biz,” many teachers hope this will be the first of many musicals and drama performances for Savoonga.



SNOW-IT-ALL CAST (left to right)—Jessie Petersen, Tauzzi Tatoowi, Jennie Reynolds, Myra Seppilu, Beyonce Kava, Mariah Kingeekuk, Sara Toolie, Michael Kiyuklook, Taylor Wongittilin, Stephen Kingeekuk, Cyrus Kogassagoon, Nancy Bell, and Sarah Novak.

“A Thousand Cranes” on Tour

By Nikki Scherer

On May 2 and May 3 the Nome-Beltz High School Drama Club took their show “A Thousand Cranes” on tour. The play, dealing with a girl who was affected by the atom bomb that fell on Hiroshima, had themes for all ages to enjoy. After performing the play for the Nome Elementary School students on April 29, the drama club gave two performances for the community of Nome on April 30 and May 1. On Sunday afternoon, they packed up the show. Everything they needed for the play fit into a medium sized Rubbermaid tote, and they were off for a two-day tour.

With the help of the Nome Arts Council and DAWN (Drugs Aren’t Wanted In Nome), the group was able to secure enough funding to pay for airfare to both White Mountain and Golovin. While in the villages, the group worked with students on improvisational theatre skills and activi-

ties that worked on expression, body movement and voice, which are important attributes for any actor. After eating lunch with the students, the group set up their “stage” in the gym of both schools. With a traveling show, it is important that the set is minimal, the message is simple, and the delivery is spot on. The drama club delivered performances that were well received by each community.

Being in its fourth year, the drama club has done a wide variety of shows, but this was its first children’s theatre tour. The students were happy to share their show with other parts of the region. The group would like to thank the villages of White Mountain and Golovin for allowing them to come and share their touring show with them and welcoming them into their communities. Hopefully, in years to come, this can be an activity that continues to increase live theatre performances around the region.



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WATER FUN—Chelsi Koutchak, Grace Okleasik, Serry Iyatunguk and Felice Francis blow the ball to practice blowing bubbles underwater.

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ALL SMILES — Diploma recipients pose at the the Annual Commencement Ceremony.

By Lori Head

The Thirty-fifth Annual Commencement Ceremony took place at Old St. Joseph Hall on Thursday, May 5, presided by Lee Haugen, director, University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus.

Distinguished guests were acknowledged, and Jackie Reader opened the program with a beautifully sung national anthem. Gratitude was expressed for husbands who answered doors and phone calls and fixed meals so that students could study. Teachers were praised. Appreciation for financial support was mentioned and inspiring stories of sacrifices made to pursue the worthy goal of education were shared.

"Yeah, you go Vanessa! That's our girl!" was enthusiastically shouted from the audience as Vanessa Johnson was bestowed a General Education Diploma. Edna Ruud of Nome gave an emotional address as she concluded, "I believe at 40 years old, I am living proof that you are never too old to get your GED." The standing-room-only crowd erupted with applause. A total of 32 diplomas through Kawerak's GED program were presented, including three to sisters Berta, Jolene and Kristy Kuzuguk of Shishmaref.

Two certificates were awarded by Bernice Joseph, UAF's vice-chancellor for Rural, Community, and Native Education — one to Mary Lou McPherson in Accounting Technician and another in Community Wellness Advocate (UAS) to Winona Huffman. Read by the presenter, Huffman wrote, "I am a grandmother with nine grandchildren and a college student along with some of my grandchildren. My advice is that education is a life-long experience."

Chancellor of UAF Brian Rogers then introduced both recipients of an Associate's Degree — Darla Tocktoo and Annie Woods.

Tocktoo's eventual goal is to earn a bachelor's degree and be a teacher in her own classroom. Rogers read,

"Darla says, 'Go for it! Anyone can do anything, no matter how long it takes.'" Darla was also recognized as the Northwest Campus Student of the Year for her outstanding scholastic achievement.

Woods shared with the audience that her "big inspiration" was her mother who was a "go-getter and whatever she wanted to learn, if she didn't know how, she learned that."

Patricia Jacobson, Regent, University of Alaska, then took the stage to present two bachelor's degrees, both in the field of social work.

Lucy Apatiki, first awarded, wrote, "You are never too old to go to school. If I can do it, anyone can. Keep an open mind and be willing to learn. Going to college is actually fun and the rewards are great."

Emma Olanna, the second recipient, reminisced that she was standing on the same ground of the former Nome Elementary School, which she attended many years ago. Olanna encouraged the audience of GED graduates to "keep going," noting that she received her GED back in 1979 and now, at 61, was receiving her bachelor's degree.

The final degree, a Master of Arts in Rural Development was presented to Pearl Mikulski by UAF's Dixie Dayo, Dept. of Alaska Native Studies and Rural Development. Mikulski explained that she had been paying for her college each year in Nome since 1990 and now vowed to send someone else to school. Mikulski stated, "We can all make a difference." When Pearl would say, "Somebody should pick that up," her grandmother's response would be, "Why isn't that somebody you?"

Tassels were changed from the right to the left sides, and the celebration began. There were bouquets of flowers given to graduates by a long line of well-wishers, decorated sheet cakes in flavors ranging from blueberry, carrot and chocolate, and pictures being taken by proud family and friends.



GRADUATES — Earning certificates and degrees were, left to right: Winona Huffman, Certificate, Community Wellness Advocate (UAS); Annie Woods, Associate of Arts, General Program; Darla Tocktoo, Associate of Arts, General Program; Emma Olanna, Bachelor of Arts, Social Work; Lucy Apatiki, Bachelor of Arts, Social Work; Pearl Mikulski, Master of Arts, Rural Development. Not pictured: May Lou McPherson, Certificate, Accounting Technician.

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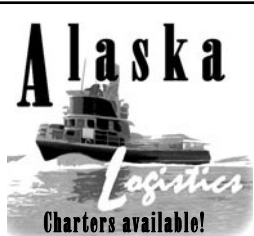
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Junior Park Rangers in Shaktoolik

By Lynda Bekoalok



Shaktoolik students show case their projects.

The Bering Land Bridge National Preserve is so close to our neck of the woods, yet few people know anything about it. The Upper Elementary Class in Shaktoolik not only learned about the Bering Land Bridge, but became Junior Park Rangers in the process.



The National Park Foundation has created a program that helps connect children to American's heritage. The National Park Service has over 180 different Junior Ranger programs for students. The programs include a Junior Ranger booklet and a map that guides the students through a particular national park by using science, history, art, and culture. When the students have completed the booklet they receive a NPS patch.

The Shaktoolik students enjoyed the booklet in which they learned the history of the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve. They also learned about the wildlife and climate changes. One of their favorite projects was making plant rubbings of leaves from trees on the Shaktoolik River.

To accompany the booklet the students also became WebRangers. To become a Webranger the students went to nps.gov and followed the link on the Kids section. The students designed their Webranger office and then did a series of Web activities about the Bering Land Bridge. The activities ranged from local culture to global warming.



To culminate the Junior Ranger project the students learned a few survival skills. One of which was to make a homemade sleeping bag. The students took large trash bags and stuffed dried grass in the bag. They learned that grass and leaves are good insulators and can keep them warm if they are ever stranded without a blanket.

The students really enjoyed the entire program. We hope that Nicole Andler, who happens to be a Park Ranger in Nome and one of the authors of the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve Junior Ranger booklet, will be able to come to Shaktoolik to swear the students in as Park Rangers and award their badge some time this year. If your students would like to become Junior Rangers we encourage you to contact Nicole Andler at: nichole_andler@nps.gov.

Building in St. Michael

By Mark Thompson, St. Michael

Using very little more than left-overs from the new school construction here in Saint Michael, and relying on labor that has included little more than student work during 45 -55 minutes time periods, the students of our school have successfully constructed much of what will be a 20 x 40 foot building including two enclosed shipping containers.



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Academic Decathlon

By Karen Beranek
Stebbins

What do Ponzi schemes, plate tectonics, and Diego Rivera have in common? They were all covered in this year's Academic Decathlon theme of The Great Depression.

On February 7, 8, and an unforeseen 9th, 18 Bering Strait students met in Brevig Mission to compete in ten academic categories, all having to do with the Great Depression. The Academic Decathlon is an annual high school academic competition organized by the non-profit United States Academic Decathlon Association. The competition consists of seven multiple-choice tests, two performance events, and an essay. The ten events require knowledge in many academic disciplines, as well as reading a hefty novel—this year's choice was *The Grapes of Wrath*.



Students complete 50 question tests in 30 minutes.

The seven tests are in art, economics, language and literature, math, music, science and social science. The relay event—known as the “Super Quiz”—is a multiple choice final event. These topics, with the exception of math, are thematically linked each year. Previous topics have included The French Revolution, Latin America, and the Civil War.

Students spent months studying Depression-era art, music, social science, math, economics, literature and science in order to compete for gold, silver and bronze medals in each category.



Savoonga: (not in order) Courtney Toolie, Tiffany Immingan, Ida Kava, Judy Pelowook, Jaylene Miklahook, Sheryl Noongwook, Darly Kingeekuk, Coach Kristina Sieff.

In between tests and essays, students shot hoops, practiced their speech and interview techniques, and listened to some Depression era blues on their iPods. A few students whose previous competition was limited to athletics found the event surprisingly invigorating.

“Who says this is boring? Academic Decathlon is fun!” announced a novice decathlete from Stebbins.



Brevig Mission: Mary Crockett and coach (and gracious host) Angie Alston.

Academic Decathlon has been a Bering Strait District event for many years with varying levels of participation from schools. Savoonga has fielded a team for over a decade. This year's team, coached by third year veteran Kristina Sieff, had many seasoned decathletes. Brevig Mission's lone contender Mary Crockett—coached by host Angie Alston—did so well in her first competition that she earned a place on the State team. White Mountain's team was schooled by Sheri Skelton, a veteran decathlon coach. Stebbins team of 7 was instructed by Karen Beranek. Each of the four schools placed students on the State team.



White Mountain (L-R): Coach Sheri Skelton, Vincent Tomalonis, Samuel McElwee, Rayna Nassuk.



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Brevig Mission And Beyond



Cody Murphy beams after a successful interview round.

Due to weather issues preventing a return to everyone's respective sites, those earning a place on the State team were up by seven a.m. Wednesday morning, and after a rousing breakfast of cornflakes and toast (and cold pizza), gathered in the Brevig Mission library to complete their timed on-line essays on the Steinbeck book, *The Grapes of Wrath*, which are submitted to the State judges in advance of the Anchorage competition.



Decathletes relax before the final event: The Super Quiz.



Skills Camps

Students from all over the Bering Strait School District traveled to Unalakleet for an intense skills camp session, to prepare them for the math, writing, and reading portions of the HSGQE Standards Test. They were instructed by Jim Nelson, Tammy Dodd, Mosaddeque Reza and Theresa Davis.



Stebbins: Back row: George Otten, Jordan Otten, Cody Murphy. Front row: Deyonne Millgrock, Daphne Katcheak, Danielle Waghiyi, Justice Raymond.

The top 9 qualifiers at the Bering Strait District Competition were sent to Anchorage for the Alaska State Academic Decathlon Competition, where they earned Second Place for the Small Schools competing in all Alaska, missing first place by a mere 137.7 points with a total score of 23,796.6.

This year's team consisted of Mary Crockett [KTS], Samuel McElwee [WMO], Jaylene Miklahook [SVA], Cody Murphy [WBB], Rayna Nassuk [WMO], George Otten [WBB], Judy Pelowook [SVA], Vincent Tomalonis [WMO] and Danielle Waghiyi [WBB]. Team Coach, Kristina Sieff (Teacher at Savoonga), and chaperone, Ed Becker (Asst. Principal at Stebbins) accompanied the team. In the past two years the Bering Strait Team has placed third in the Small Schools category.



Bering Strait State Academic Decathlon Team: Back row: Judy Pelowook, Cody Murphy, Danielle Waghiyi, Samuel McElwee, Vincent Tomalonis. Front row: George Otten, Jaylene Miklahook, Rayna Nassuk, Mary Crockett.

The Bering Strait School District salutes its decathletes district-wide, at every level of competition, including those who were unable to attend this year due to family emergencies and health issues. See you next year! ■



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A Message from the School Board

By Rob Picou, Superintendent, BSSD



On behalf of the School Board of the Bering Strait School District, I would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work during the school year. As we prepare for summer vacation, it is important that we remember to read. Parents, please turn off the television this summer and plan for your children to spend time with books. The learning that students have accomplished during the school year can be greatly enhanced if we continue to focus on learning during the summer.

As your child's first teacher, you need to guide them during the summer more than any other time of the year. Please talk to your children about safety and about books all summer long while the school staff is on vacation. It is our greatest hope that you and your family enjoy the rich harvest that is provided by this beautiful land we call Alaska. It is also our hope that you are able to provide for your children a sense of cultural identity and subsistence life skills.

To our teachers and classified staff, we want to say thank you. We all know the hard work of teaching happens in a classroom where you are charged with the job of motivating kids to learn. We appreciate your efforts and genuinely hope you have a restful summer vacation with your families wherever you call home. Thank You!

Students, make sure you read this summer. Do not let the long days go by without finding time to read. Knowledge is power. When you read and learn, you develop the power to make choices with your life. Don't waste your time. Keep your mind focused on the future and READ!

Thanks to all and have a joyful summer! ■

Building in St. Michael continued from Page 1...

Construction was begun in the fall of 2010 and has included students ranging in age from 2nd grade through 12th grade. Students of every age level helped in constructing roof trusses, while site preparation and piling work was completed by middle and high school students. Due to weather, we took a break from work on this project during 3rd quarter. Even so students were exposed to, and willingly faced the very real Alaskan elements which are common to parts of early and late winter.



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And though we expect to have a very useful building when we are done, the most important thing I can say with confidence and no small amount of pride is that we are building some great young people here in Saint Michael. I can't think of a better outcome in education in any pursuit than to be able to say, "We aren't building things, we're building people."



Music In Unalakleet

By Timothy Wolcott, Jr.

This year has been my first teaching in bush Alaska, and I must say, it has been a wonderful experience. I was a bit uneasy about taking a music position in a small village at first, but when I learned about the resources they have here and how well the program is supported, I relaxed and started to focus on the area that matters to me most: the students.

All year has been an exciting learning experience for both me and the kids. One of the major activities that we completed already was our holiday concert back in December. Other than that, high school students have focused mainly on our regional music festival, which took place last month in Dillingham. One student earned a rating that sent her to the state music festival in Anchorage, where she again was awarded with the opportunity to perform for the community.



Top High School vocalist, Kira Eckenwiler recently took 1st place at the State Music Competition in Anchorage, AK.

My elementary program is primarily focused on the fundamentals of music: beat keeping, reading, and singing simple melodies. I try my best to make these activities engaging and fun for them; I want the young students to have a solid understanding and overall feeling of music. When they reach 4th grade, they are allowed to play an instrument or sing, allowing them to explore music even further. My goal is to create an atmosphere where music is something that students enjoy learning about; this idea will in turn fuel and expand the high school program, where music is essentially an elective.

Overall, I am very happy and consider myself lucky to be in a village where music is supported by our district and the community as a whole; without them, arts programs do not survive. Thank you to all who have shown support of music in Unalakleet and the students. I am looking forward to another exciting year! ■

BSSD athletes give solid performances at state NYO meet

By Jeff Erickson BSSD activities director

With some significant losses to graduation, the Bering Strait School District Native Youth Olympic team may have had reduced expectations this year, but one could never tell by the excitement and anticipation that the 15 athletes exhibited on their arrival to Anchorage last weekend. Each had been crowned champion in the district meet and was prepared to give their all against the state's best.

The team did nothing but rise to the occasion and they did it with a quick start as diminutive eighth grader Apaay Campbell (Gambell) destroyed the field in the Kneel Jump to grab the gold medal. This was followed by solid performances by each BSSD athlete the first and second day. While not making the medal

stand almost everyone gave top-10 efforts.

The anticipation began to build as the high kick events neared. With his record performance at the district meet, Unalakleet's Stuart Towarak eyed the bigger state title. As the highest returning kicker from 2010, high hopes were expected. Golovin's Tahnee Esparza also had high hopes. Regardless of her height, she had gone higher in every event than ever before, breaking the 2-foot record at the district meet.

Then, what often happens did...an unexpected performance by a previously unknown athlete changes the game. Son of legendary high kicker Brian Randazzo, Brian Jr. emerged with a bang and a world-record tying 2-foot kick of 101 inches, easily eliminating all other contenders.

Stuart had to settle for a very respectable 4th place.

Esparza ran into a more expected nemesis, the world record holder, Alice Strick. Tahnee still managed a remarkable 3rd and 4th respectively in the two- and one-foot events.

The final high kick event was set up for greatness, with whispers of the incredible world record of 114 inches being broken. Randazzo and Towarak emerged from the pack leaving the other competition behind, jumping higher and higher. With a kick of 108 inches, Towarak went past his personal and district best, but couldn't stay with the eventual champion who finally topped out at 111 inches.

NYO is a remarkable event for so many reasons, and this year was no different.



Photos by Jeffrey Erickson
Photo top: **HIGH KICK** — Stuart "Birdman" Towarak soars in the One Foot High kick.

Photo left: **KNEEL JUMP** — Apaay Campbell leaps to her second consecutive Kneel Jump championship.

Photo below: **SUPERSTAR** — Tahnee Esparza stretches to kick the ball in the State One Foot high Kick.



Leckband picks UAA Basketball



Photo by Peggy Fagerstrom

UAA BOUND — Nome High School basketball star Christian Leckband signs a letter of intent to play for the Seawolves.

Courtesy of the University of Alaska Anchorage

Well before Nome High School basketball star Christian Leckband became the 2011 Class 3A Player of the Year and had different colleges jumping on the bandwagon, the University of Alaska Anchorage was already onboard. One could say the Seawolves have been riding shotgun for years.

"They were the first team to actually start talking to me and recruiting me, so my interest in them has been there for a long time," Leckband said.

The 6-foot, 5-inch swingman rewarded that loyalty by staying home and signing a letter of intent to play for the Seawolves, joining a program that seems to make the NCAA Tournament every year.

"I have a lot of desire to go to UAA," he said.

Leckband poured in 1,056 points during his three-year varsity career

and helped the Patrick Callahan-coached Nome Nanooks win 70 of 87 games, including 40 straight at home. He averaged 23 points and 9 rebounds as a senior, highlighted by a career-high 39 points against Barrow.

He seemed to rise to the occasion each time Nome played a large school, averaging 25 points against 4A teams. He pumped in 34 points against 4A state champion Bartlett.

"I get a lot more pumped up when I know there's a lot of competition around me," he said. "I just seem to play a little bit better."

He's come a long way since the days when he was a skinny five-foot, nine-inch freshman who filmed Nome's home games.

In just three years he went from cameraman to showstopper.

"I come from humble beginnings," he said.

But he didn't make this journey alone.

"I've had a lot of help throughout

the years," Leckband said. "There have been coaches —and a lot of players, too — that have been around me, helping me out. They pretty much kept me on track."

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HEAVY DUTY SILVERS— Thomas and buddies fishing for silvers at their camp last August (2010). From left to right: Thomas Tocktoo, Austin Day-Tocktoo, and Joey Tocktoo.

Uninvited camping guest

By Thomas Tocktoo
(Thomas is a student at the Koyuk Malemute School.)

One morning last summer my brother Austin, my brother Joey, my parents, my grandma, Ruthy, and I went camping up river. We got our camping gear and headed up to camp. When we got there we set our stuff down and put it all in the wall tent. My mom and dad went to go set our net for fish.

While they did that, we set up camp by bringing the propane stove and silverware to the table.

After my parents came back, Joey and I played around while the adults drank coffee and waited until they had something to do. Then after about a couple of hours we checked the net and cut and washed fish. After that we cooked dinner and

washed the dishes.

Finally it was night and we had to bring our dad home.

We dropped my dad off at home and then we went back to our camp. While we were going just right above Ethel's berry camp, my mom turned a little bit too sharp and we kugisak (bumped into ground) into the mudflat.

We were stuck there! So my mom got out and pushed the boat, then about five minutes later she told me to get out and push —so I did.

All of a sudden a big brown bear came out. My mom and I were so scared! The bear come running from somewhere, probably a lake or something. Ten minutes after we saw the bear my mom had to shoot, because it was really close. She shot right over it. The bear ran like

30 feet back and slowly walked back. By the time the bear got to the water, we finally got to deep water and the bear was just watching us. We were so thankful and happy. We got to our camp and we happily went to bed.

My mom and I were very proud that we made it to our camp. We stayed up before we went to bed for the night before making sure that bear didn't come around anymore. My mom and I thought it came around because of the commotion in the water and odor of our fishy boat.

In the morning my dad came because he didn't have any work until the next day. We did the things we usually do, and the next morning we went home happy as anything before.



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Pressure mounts, but as always, you rise to the occasion, Capricorn. Further education is needed before you tackle a project at home. Look to an experienced friend.



Aries

You do not have to go it alone, Aries. Lean on those who lean on you, and you will make quick work of a problem. A special occasion calls for much ado.



Cancer

Cautious, Cancer. Someone you least expect may be trying to pull a fast one on you. The rumors are unfounded. Turn a deaf ear and focus on the matter at hand.



Libra

Your star begins to rise at work. Enjoy the ride, Libra. Sacrifices at home make headway with someone important and get the wheels of progress turning.



Aquarius

Think through your actions carefully this week, Aquarius. One misstep could bring everything crashing down. A friend is blessed with good news.



Taurus

You may not be the best of friends with a colleague, but that doesn't mean they don't have something worthwhile to contribute. Listen to what they have to say, Taurus.



Leo

The ambition in you comes out, and you find yourself speaking out more and more. Don't worry about the egos you bruise, Leo. It was meant to be.



Scorpio

The situation is out of your control, so cast aside your concerns and focus on something you can change, Scorpio. A personal relationship deepens.



Pisces

Be careful whom you team up with at work, Pisces. Not everyone is on board with your idea. Plans take shape for a little road trip over the weekend. Enjoy!



Gemini

Doubt begins to creep in. Push it aside, Gemini, and continue on. Finances improve with some creative budgeting. A favor is returned.



Virgo

Good grief, Virgo. Turns out you're the one to blame for the problem, not all of those you've been pointing the finger at. Make amends now and correct the issue quickly.



Sagittarius

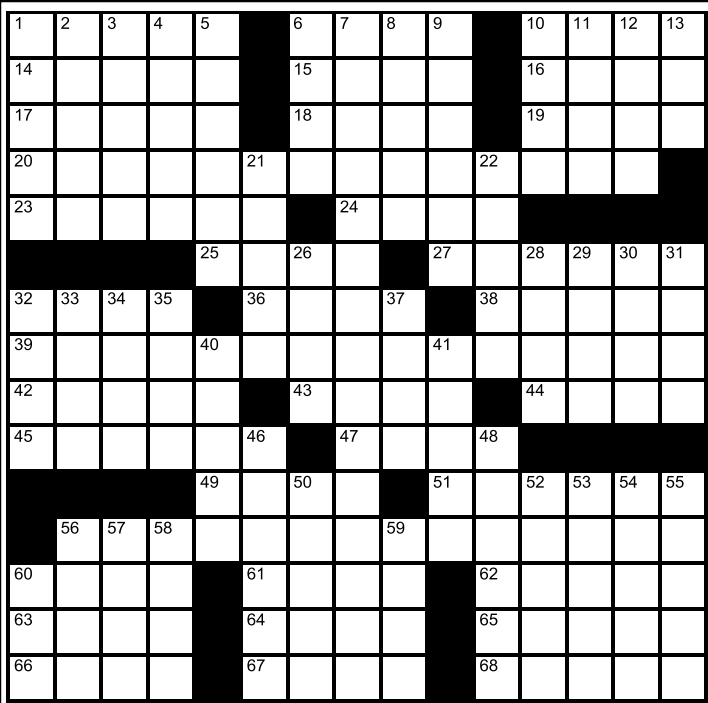
An organization could use a helping hand. Step up, Sagittarius, and lend them your support. The storm at home comes to a conclusion, and you're off the hook.

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DO YOU HEAR THAT SOUND?—Health and Nutrition Specialist Darcee Perkins (right) performs the hearing screening on Julia Sinnok, age 3, at the Child Find Fair held at the Nome Child Care Center.



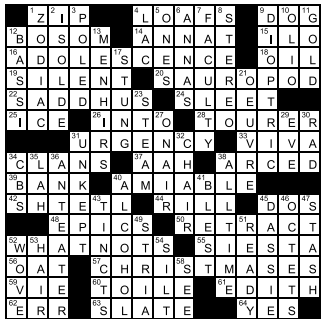
Across

- Browning's Ben Ezra, e.g.
- Did laps, say
- Air Force heroes
- ___ squash
- Assistant
- "Shake a leg!"
- Vetoes
- Clash of clans
- Cut, maybe
- Having no depth or scope
- An area planted with conifers
- And others, for short
- "Back in the ___"
- Aura
- History Muse
- "... or ___!"
- Minute hairlike projections on mucous membranes
- Use of the present tense when narrating past events (2 wds)
- Of or relating to odors
- Quaker's "you"
- "___ the night before ..."
- Forgo (2 wds)
- Home, informally
- French novelist Pierre
- Hypnotic state
- Quantities too small to be measured
- "American ___"
- ___ Strip
- Con men?
- Prefix with phone
- Anger (pl.)
- Jungle climber
- Exclamation used to capture someone's attention inconspicuously
- Valley
- Off-color

Down

- Incurred (2 wds)

Last week's answers



- Drupelets, as on a blackberry
- Confine (2 wds)
- Ornamental embroidery or braiding
- Undisturbed
- Call at first base
- German breaded veal (2 wds)
- Scorched
- Highway divider
- End of a prayer
- Conclusion
- "... there is no ___ angel but Love": Shakespeare
- Undertake, with "out"
- A device for amplifying microwaves
- Antipasto morsel
- Buttonhole, e.g.
- Atomizer output
- Expelled from the mouth, as with air
- Arm bone
- Takes a seat
- Hack
- "Mona ___"
- Doctrines
- "Miss ___ Regrets"
- A fencing sword with no cutting edge
- Eyes
- Breaks
- Anthropoid ape
- Attempts to do something
- Beauty pageant wear
- Thin sac around the embryo (pl.)
- Area of South Africa
- Country singer Black
- English exam finale, often
- Bad day for Caesar
- A drink containing beaten egg (pl.)
- Apartment
- "___ on Down the Road"
- Babysitter's handful

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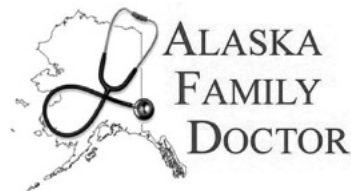
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The global burden of cancer: Preventing a worldwide killer

**By Bob Lawrence, MD
Alaska Family Doctor**

Cancer is rapidly becoming one of the most common causes of death worldwide according to the American Cancer Society.

The trend is seen most clearly in developing nations where cancer is



now the third leading cause of death.

The rise in cancer rates seems to be an unintended consequence of good global health policy. People are living longer, due largely to a reduction in infectious diseases like tuberculosis, cholera, malaria, and AIDS, but they are not living healthier. Much of the increase in cancers worldwide is directly related to what

doctors call “modifiable risk factors” such as tobacco use, physical inactivity, and calorie-dense nutrient-poor dietary habits.

There is also a disproportionate cancer burden on developing regions from cancers caused by largely preventable infectious disease like hepatitis B, hepatitis C, and the human papilloma virus (HPV). The percentage of cancers attributed to chronic infections is around 26 percent in developing nations versus 8 percent in developed regions of the world.

Many people are concerned that exposure to military and mining waste chemicals increases the risk of cancer. Researchers do not yet know the extent to which chemical exposures increase risk for rural Alaskans; however, there is strong evidence that the risk of cancer increases exponentially when two risk factors are combined. For example, the risk of lung cancer in someone exposed to asbestos is very high if

the person is also a smoker.

According to the American Cancer Society there are four priorities for preventing cancers from known causes.

First, stop smoking and discontinue other forms of tobacco use. Tobacco is the single largest preventable cause of cancer and premature death worldwide. Experts have identified at least 15 different types of cancer directly related to smoking. Over 80 percent of these cancers involve the lung or airways, though smoking also increases the risk for bladder, kidney and pancreatic cancer.

In the Norton Sound region, two out of every three people are current smokers, with an even higher rate of people exposed to second hand smoke. This is one of the highest rates in the world. Unless this trend changes drastically, the burden of

cancer in rural Alaska will become one of the highest globally.

Second, manage weight and increase physical activity to maintain a healthy body mass index (BMI). Obesity, defined as a BMI above 30, is associated with an increase in breast, uterine, colon, and kidney cancers.

Third, avoid preventable infectious diseases known to cause cancer. Chronic Hepatitis B and hepatitis C infections are associated with 75 percent of liver cancers globally. The human papilloma virus (HPV) is the leading cause of cancers of the cervix and uterus worldwide. A vaccine is available to prevent infections with both Hepatitis B and the more virulent forms of HPV.

Avoiding risk behaviors including multiple sex partners and needle-sharing (including tattoo needle sharing) are the only way to prevent

alternate forms of HPV and hepatitis C, for which there is no vaccine.

Fourth, keep up with screening. When prevention fails, screening exams provide the best chance for early detection. Pap smears, colonoscopies, mammograms, and prostate exams are all designed to catch cancers in their earliest and most treatable stages.

Many people fear cancer. But people can reduce their risk factors for cancer in order to decrease the likelihood of contracting certain types of cancer. Each generation learns more about what causes cancer and how to prevent it. As each generation learns more about cancer prevention, it is imperative that they leave a legacy for their children by instilling in them healthy behaviors that lead people away from this destructive disease.

Saying it Sincerely

**Rev. Karen Sonray, Our Savior Lutheran Church
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*“For everything there is a season; a time for everything under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Hunters are watching the ice and the horizon, scoping out possible gifts from the creation to bring home and share. Young people are graduating, ending one chapter of their lives and starting another. People are preparing for camp and the upcoming season. There is a rhythm to life.

Birds are returning. Some have flown miles and miles. Last year about this time, an elder asked me as she looked overhead and watched several geese, “Did you thank God? My mother always said a prayer when she saw the first geese return each spring, ‘Thank you God for bringing back the birds to us again.’”

Mysteriously the birds know when and how to return. They display the rhythm of the creation. We depend on that rhythm, the seasonal changes. This time of the year microbes are stirring within the soil. In oceans deep sea mammals and fish are feeding and traveling. Somehow they all know, they too hear the “call” toward new places and new waters. They all reflect the majesty of God, the stupendous creativity of God’s handiwork.

Often in scripture we hear that even the creation expresses joy: “The mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song” (Isaiah 55). The best poetry is “heard” in God’s works.

As we approach this time of the year, find the song within you. Give God thanks. Pray with your family. Teach them how to live a thankful life. Let your spirit soar and say a prayer, “Thank you God. It is good to be here.”

Gambell whaling captain lands three whales this season

By Diana Haecker

Gambell whalers landed three whales in last month’s whaling season, and whaling captain Llyod Apatiki – at age 30 the youngest captain out there – caught them all with his small crew of brother and striker Abel, and his uncle.

Apatiki said they caught the first whale on April 14, the second on April 19 and the third around April 28. The first two whales were caught about 10 miles out. For the last whale, they had to take their boat with a 65-horsepower motor 18 miles out to sea.

Apatiki said that there were eight crews out the day they caught the first whale. “It was choppy water, except for when we were closer to the ice,” he remembered. “We were hunting all day and then finally toward evening, we struck the whale.” All the other crews helped Apatiki tow in the 29-foot whale.

Apatiki’s luck was with him for the rest of April and he brought home two more whales and meat to fill freezers in Gambell.

When asked what the secret of his success is, he said, “You just have to believe that you will land a whale.” Apatiki also caught two whales last year. “This month, we are walrus hunting now,” Apatiki said. “But I still see whales out there.”

Gambell has eight strikes per year and is allowed five more strikes in the winter whaling season. “I love hunting,” Apatiki said. “Hunting is my life.” Apatiki became a walrus hunting captain at age 17 and a whaling captain at age 20.

Meanwhile, Savoonga whaling captains also succeeded to strike and bring home two whales. But it was a challenge to get whales for Savoonga this year, said George Noongwook. “The whales seemed to have changed their migration route this year and went further out behind the ice toward Gambell,” said Noongwook.

On April 14 captain Frederick Kingeekuk landed a 54-foot male and a few days later, on April 18, captain Wilson Okoomealinguk, Sr. landed a 49-foot male bowhead.

Noongwook said that there is an abundance of bowhead whales and that the species sees a growth rate of 3.4 percent. “It’s just that access gets harder,” said Noongwook. Thirty years ago, whalers had a window of four weeks to hunt and wait for good conditions: now the window is down to less than a week sometimes.”

Noongwook is talking about climate change but he said although opportunities to gain access to their prey dwindle, there are signs that people do adjust to change quickly. “I am very proud of how our hunters are adapting to these changes,” Noongwook said.

He agrees with Apatiki in Gambell that this month’s walrus hunting has been difficult. Apatiki said there are lots of ice and walrus, but they are mostly in water instead of resting on ice where they can be hunted. Noongwook said that there is still a lot of ice in front of Savoonga and that hunters succeeded in bringing home two walrus on Mother’s Day.

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Wednesday Youth Group 7 p.m. (call **443-7218** for location)
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Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m.

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Current name of Adult

Notice of Petition to Change Name

A petition has been filed in the Superior Court

(Case # 2NO-11-00115CI) requesting a name change from (current name) Jane A. Murphy-Olson to Jane A. Murphy. A hearing on this request will be held on May 20, 2011 at 1:00 pm at Nome Courthouse, 113 Front Street PO Box 1110 Nome, AK.
4/21-28-5/12

Trooper Beat

On April 26, Alaska State Troopers in Gambell contacted and arrested Kenneth James, 30, of Gambell, for an Arrest Warrant involving Domestic Violence. K. James was transported and remanded to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center in Nome.

On April 27, AST investigated an assault that took place in Elim. Investigation revealed that Aaron Moses, 29, of Elim, assaulted his brother with a thermos bottle and a steak knife. During the incident, A. Moses cut his own hand on the knife and was medicated to Nome for treatment. His brother sustained minor injuries and did not need any medical treatment. Charges for Assault in the Third Degree are pending against A. Moses.

On April 30, AST conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to wear a seatbelt. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Daniel Apok, 34, of Nome. A record check revealed that D. Apok had a suspended and expired drivers' license. D. Apok was subsequently arrested and remanded to AMCC.

On May 5, the St. Michael VPSO Joe Katchatag received a report of an assault. Investigation revealed that Tommie Otten, 37, of St. Michael had assaulted his wife. Otten was also on probation, he was arrested and lodged at the St. Michael Jail, and he was then transported to Unalakleet and arraigned at the Unalakleet Court. He was eventually transported to Nome and lodged at AMCC.

On May 5, St. Michael VPOs arrested Kaster Lockwood, 37, of St. Michael, for violating his probation. Lockwood was found to be highly intoxicated at his parent's residence in violation of his probation. Lockwood was lodged at the St. Michael Jail and later transported to Nome for arraignment on the probation violation.

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Joy Annogiyuk, 41, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

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Michael Walker, 27, was arrested and re-

manded to AMCC on a Bench Warrant.

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Marrian Oozeva, 34, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Drunk on Licensed premises.

Michael Tucker, 40, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile, 18, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

A Nome juvenile, 17, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°.

Shane Mike, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

A Nome juvenile, 17, received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

5/8
Jaclyn Olanna, 32, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Assault 4°, Domestic Violence.

During this period we had four persons taken to the hospital/AMCC for Title 47 Hold.

All Around the Sound

New Arrivals

Susan Saccheus and Dallas Amaktoolik of Elim announce the birth of their daughter **Evangeline Lily Ellen Amaktoolik**, born April 10 at 3:15 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She weighed 6 pounds, 4.6 ounces, and was 18.5" in length. Her other family members are Gladys and Lincoln Saccheus.

Hannah J. Kuzuguk and Jerry D. Giffin Jr., of Elim announce the birth of their son **Jerry Dean Giffin III**, born April 14 at 1:58 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21" in length. His siblings are Rena, 6; Twyla, 5; Renee, 4; Shirley, 3; and James, 2.

Lucy Oquilluk and Reuben Topkok of Teller announce the birth of their son **Alex Jay Albert Topkok**, born April 19 at 6:09 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19.5" in length. His siblings are Shawn Oquilluk, Allison Topkok, Ryan, Darrin, and Audrey Topkok.

Jason Evans, formerly of Nome, and Kiana Peacock, formerly of

6:52 a.m. at One Family Birth Center in Anchorage. She weighed in at 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Paternal grandmother Adele Pitt and maternal grandmother Kathleen Samson, along with aunts, uncles, and cousins can't wait to meet the newest addition to the family.

Congratulations

Jaylene Wheeler has been appointed to the Alaska Public Health Association. She is of Inupiaq and St. Lawrence Island Yupik descent. She is the mother of one child, was born and raised in rural Alaska and currently resides in Anchorage. Jaylene earned a B.A. in Rural Development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 2002 and, most recently, served as the assistant vice-president of Community Health Services at the Norton Sound Health Corporation in Nome. She has worked in the public health field since 2000 and is exploring graduate school options. To be most effective, she believes health promotion and disease prevention efforts must address core issues relating to adverse childhood events, nurture health family systems and reflect community priorities.

Nome Community Center Board elects new Executive Director

The Nome Community Center Board of Directors has elected David Elmore as **executive** director for the Center. Elmore has been in Nome and on the staff there for 2 1/2 years as a program coordinator and recently as the acting director following the resignation of Lance Johnson. He and his wife Julie Elmore were co-pastors at Nome's Community United Methodist Church, where she will continue as pastor.

Elmore has a Masters in Theology and a Masters in Civil Engineering. Prior to coming to Nome he served as pastor at two churches and for many years as a civil engineer, including six months in Iraq. He anticipates being ordained in the UMC in June this year. Elmore says that in this time of shrinking financial resources nationwide, his focus will be to continue the vital work of the Center with children, families, and seniors, to find new sources of funding, and to seek more ways to work with other community organizations to focus where the most need is in Nome and the region. The newest program of NCC is the Nome Children's Home. Other long-term and well-known programs are XYZ senior meals, Youth Court, Adult Day Care, Food Bank, Smoking Cessation, Family Services, Under-age Drinking prevention, and several more. The main offices of NCC are upstairs in the Nome Community United Methodist Church. The Board has 14 members and several active committees that welcome community members.

Siu and Aleutian No. 1 unwrap gift to BSWG

A unique partnership between Siu Alaska Corporation, the *Aleutian No. 1* and the Bering Sea Women's Group means that a successful crabbing season in the Bering Sea will

help support the organization that combats domestic violence and aids abuse victims in the Norton Sound region. That partnership has paid off for the women's group this April in the form of a distribution of more than \$37,000. "The crew of the *Aleutian No. 1* is very proud to be working on behalf of the Bering Sea Women's Group," said Siu Alaska President and Chief Executive Officer John Eckels. Siu is a wholly owned subsidiary of Norton Sound Economic Development Corp.

The recent payout marks the second distribution received by the Bering Sea Women's Group since it was gifted 25 percent ownership in the vessel in 2009. The regional organization has now received more than \$47,000 in distributions as a result of its ownership stake.



TO BE WED- Patrick Dean Octuck is very proud to announce that Dawn Marie O'Connor has accepted his proposal to marry him. They are planning a springtime wedding that will be held in Nome. Invitations will be sent out as soon as a wedding date has been set.



Sila ("See-la") Marie Evans-Peacock

Kotzebue, now from Anchorage announce the birth of their daughter **Sila ("See-la") Marie Evans-Peacock** born March 6 at 10:40 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20" in length. Paternal grandparents are Laura Evans of Nome and the late Robert Evans of Nome, and Patricia and Albert Peacock of Kotzebue.

Aprille and Nathan Pitt are excited to announce the birth of their daughter **Shylah Katherine Pitt**. Shylah arrived on April 22 at



Shylah Katherine Pitt



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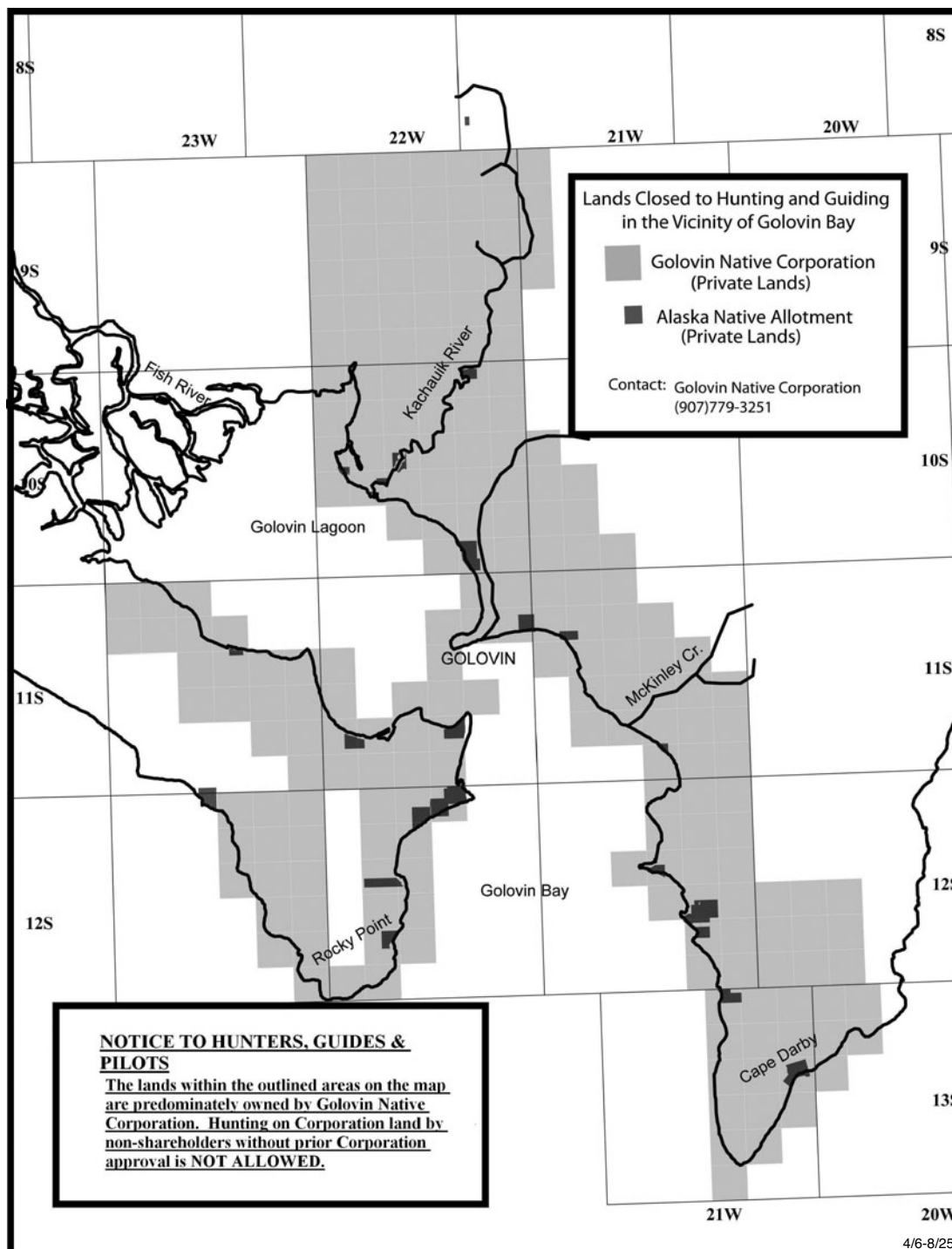
Notice is hereby given that the Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC) Full Board of Directors is scheduled to meet **MAY 23-25, 2011** at the **Pioneer Hall** located on **110 Front Street in Nome, Alaska** as follows:

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| •05/23/11 | 8:30 a.m. | New Board Member Orientation - Pioneer Hall |
| •05/23/11 | 9:00 a.m. | NSHC Full Board Meeting - Pioneer Hall |
| •05/24/11 | 9:00 a.m. | NSHC Full Board Meeting - Pioneer Hall |
| •05/25/11 | 9:00 a.m. | NSHC Full Board Meeting - Pioneer Hall |

Portions of the meeting may be conducted in executive session. The public is invited to attend the meeting. Testimony from the public may be limited. Members of the public wishing to receive information or a copy of the agenda may contact the Administration Office at **(907) 443-3226** as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before the meeting so that arrangements may be made.

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5/12-19



Good commercial chum salmon harvest predicted for Norton Sound

By Laurie McNicholas

The 2011 commercial chum salmon harvest in Norton Sound may rival or even exceed last year's catch of 117,000 fish, reports Jim Menard, area manager for Norton Sound and Kotzebue, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

The 2010 commercial chum catch was the best in Norton Sound since 1986 when 149,912 chums were harvested, according to ADF&G statistics. From 2005 through 2009 the average annual commercial chum catch was 19,140 fish, and in the 10-year period from 2000 through 2009, the average yearly commercial harvest was 12,341 chums.

"Chum salmon runs are expected to be above average, and more commercial fishing targeting chum salmon is expected in 2011," said Menard. "Buyer interest in chum salmon has been increasing in recent years, and the harvest could be 90,000 to 120,000 fish. Chums in the 2006 age class are coming back to Norton Sound as five year olds, and they did well as three and four year olds."

Scott Kent, ADF&G's assistant area manager said commercial fishermen in the Unalakleet and Shaktoolik subdistricts will take a majority of the 2011 chum harvest. Last year their combined catch—40,483 chums in the Unalakleet subdistrict and 30,588 chums in the Shaktoolik subdistrict—accounted for 60 percent of the harvest.

ADF&G anticipates a weak run of Norton Sound Chinook (king) salmon this year, and no commercial fishing is expected. Kent said if Chinooks return to the Unalakleet River in low numbers or subsistence fishing is restricted, no commercial salmon fishing will be allowed in the Unalakleet or Shaktoolik subdistricts until July 1. "On July 1 there is still a good chunk of the chum run," he noted.

Nome area chum concerns

Menard said subsistence restric-

tions for chum salmon are expected only in the Nome subdistrict where catch limits will be in effect. Commercial fishing for chum is closed in the subdistrict. The following explanation for chum fishing restrictions in the Nome subdistrict is from an ADF&G publication by Menard and Daniel J. Bergstrom, *Norton Sound Subdistrict 1 (Nome) Chum Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, 2010; a report to the Alaska Board of Fisheries*.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries classified Nome subdistrict chum salmon as a stock of management concern in 2000 due to the stock's chronic inability to meet escapement needs. From 1999 through 2005, Tier II chum salmon fishing restrictions limited the number of permit holders who could fish for chum salmon in the subdistrict. In 1999 the chum subsistence harvest in the subdistrict totaled only 337 fish.

The subdistrict reverted back to Tier I subsistence fishing regulations in 2006 because projected runs of chum salmon exceeded the amount necessary for subsistence. In 2007 the Board of Fisheries accepted ADF&G's recommendation to reclassify Nome subdistrict chum stock from a management concern to a yield concern, which is less severe than a management concern.

From 2005-2009 a majority of chum salmon escapement goals were achieved, but yields were low compared to historical yields in the 1980s. In 2010 the Board of Fisheries decided to continue the yield of concern classification for the stock. Last year ADF&G issued 494 Tier I subsistence permits in the Nome subdistrict, 372 of which fished and caught a total of 3,124 chums.

Golovin, Elim chum concerns

The board of fisheries has classified the chum salmon stock in Norton Sound subdistricts 2 (Golovin) and 3 (Elim) as a stock of yield concern since 2000 due to a chronic in-

ability to meet escapement needs. From 2005 through 2009, subsistence chum salmon harvests averaged 1,767 in the Golovin subdistrict and 1,216 fish in the Elim subdistrict, according to a report by Menard and Bergstrom to the Board of Fisheries in December 2009. In most years since 2003, chum runs have been insufficient to allow for a commercial harvest in either district, the report noted. (See *Norton Sound Subdistrict 2 (Golovin) and Subdistrict 3 (Moses Point) Chum Salmon Stock Status and Action Plan, 2010; a Report to the Alaska Board of Fisheries*.)

However, the 2010 chum run was strong enough to conduct a commercial chum harvest and reach escapement goals in both subdistricts. Nineteen permit holders harvested 23,630 chums in the Elim subdistrict, and nine permit holders took 16,984 chums in the Golovin subdistrict, according to preliminary figures Menard provided in an end of season summary. ADF&G data show the 2010 subsistence chum catch totaled 3,124 fish in the Elim subdistrict and 1,133 fish in the Golovin subdistrict in 2010.

Pink, sockeye, coho runs

Menard said the 2011 pink salmon run is expected to be above average for an odd numbered year. "If there is buyer interest, then the harvest could be 50,000 to 100,000 pink salmon," he noted. "A harvest of this magnitude would be dependent on pink salmon directed fishing periods. However, with the expected good run of chum salmon, fishermen and the buyer will likely be targeting the more valuable chum salmon."

"The coho (silver) salmon run is expected to be average based on good ocean survival conditions in recent years," Menard continued. "The commercial harvest is expected to be 60,000 to 90,000 fish and no subsistence fishing restrictions are expected, except for catch limits in

the Nome subdistrict."

A poor run of sockeye (red) salmon is anticipated in the Port Clarence district, so the commercial fishery is expected to remain closed, Menard reports.

2010 harvest values

Commercial fishermen harvested a total of 211,622 coho, pink and chum salmon last year in the Norton Sound district. The gross value of

the catch to 115 permit holders was \$1.2 million, an average catch value of \$10,613 per permit holder, according to ADF&G's *2010 Norton Sound Salmon Season Summary*.

Last year in the Kotzebue district, 67 permit holders harvested 270,343 chum salmon for a gross value of \$860,125, an average catch value of \$12,837 to the permit holder, ADF&G reports.

Norton Sound commercial herring fishery a go for 2011

Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. has reached an agreement with Icicle Seafoods that will again bring a commercial sac roe herring fishery to the region this year.

Icicle Seafoods will bring a processing vessel to Norton Sound to purchase herring from resident fishermen. Icicle will also bring four tender vessels to the region to facilitate the fast-paced fishery. The Norton Sound fishery generally opens three weeks after the Togiak opener farther south. Current estimates would put this year's Norton Sound opener, which is always subject to change, at the end of May.

The harvest target for 2011 is set at 1,000 tons. Fishermen will be paid on a sliding scale according to the percentage of roe recovery. Fish with recovery of less than 7 percent are directed to the bait fishery. The price per ton is based on roe percentage as follows: Bait, \$50; 7%, \$190; 8%, \$210; 9%, \$230; 10%, \$250; 11%, 270; 12%, 290; 13%, \$310, 14%, \$330; and 15%, \$350.

Fishermen must sign up with Norton Sound Seafood Products to participate in the fishery. NSEDC has a limited amount of herring gear for sale through the NSEDC Revolving Loan program or the Fishermen's Receivable Account. Those interested in participating in the fishery are strongly encouraged to contact Norton Sound Seafood Products prior to the opening to ensure timely receipt of gear. To sign up for the fishery or inquire about available gear, contact the NSSP Unalakleet plant at (907) 624-3014 and ask for Operations Manager Reese Huhta, Assistant Manager Frank Doty or Office Manager Liz Ivanoff.

The fishery mainly targets herring roe, which is sold as a luxury food item in Japan, often given during the holidays as gifts. Fish that do not meet the roe requirements will be sold as bait for other regional fisheries. Last year's sac roe herring fishery—the first held since 2006—attracted nearly 30 boats from the region. While the bulk of the herring catch occurs between Tolstoi Point and Stuart Island near St. Michael and Stebbins, and around Cape Denbigh near Shaktoolik, fishermen from all over the region participate.

Court

Week ending 5/6

Civil

Discover Bank, Issuer of the Discover Card vs. Contreras, Gladys N.; Debt - District Court

Nakak, Bessie vs. Pete, Lawrence John; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children Minor Party vs. Bahnke, Josephine Hardy; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children Menard, James A. vs. Jack, Carleen R.; Petition for Custody - Superior Court In the Matter of: Eggart, Lawrence D.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Kugzruk, Theresa; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Matthews, Edward J.; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Olson, Katherine Maude Marie; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear

In the Matter of: Sagoonick, Patricia; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Solloook, Thomas; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Tocktoo, Stewart; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear In the Matter of: Warnke-Green, Bryce Kelsey; Juror Order to Show Cause: Fail to Appear

Walluk, John vs. Olanna, Elliot; Stalking; Ex Parte

Small Claims

No current claims on file

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Martin Okpealuk (6/24/57); 2NO-11-119CR Count 001: Assault 4*; Date of offense: 3/4/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Counts Dismissed by State:

counts 2, 3, 4, 5 (002, 003, 004, 005); Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 60 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 60 days have been served; 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 Okpealuk (6/24/57); 2NO-11-119CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 002, 003, 004, 005: Assault 4*; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/11.

State of Alaska v. Ricky Ivanoff (11/29/59); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 4/4/11.

State of Alaska v. Theodore James Cruise (5/19/86); Count 001: DUI; Date of offense: 7/5/10; Counts (Charges) Dismissed: count 2 (002); 30 days, 27 days suspended; Report on 5/16/11 at 7:45 a.m. to: Cordova Center; Pay to Clerk of Court: Fine: \$1500 with \$0 suspended; Amount Due: \$1500; Due Date: 2/1/12; Police Training Surcharge: \$75 with \$0 suspended; Amount Due: \$75 due in 10 days; Pay to Collections Unit, AGs Office, Anchorage; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case with \$0 suspended; Amount Due: \$50; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Cost of Imprisonment: \$330 (1st offense) with \$0 suspended; Amount due: Full amount ordered; Complete Substance Abuse Treatment Assessment; Contact other: Anchorage ASAP within 15 days; Complete screening, evaluation and recommended program; You are responsible for costs; Costs deductible from fine; File proof by 6/1/11 that you received an assessment, and file proof by 8/1/11 that you followed all assessment recommendations; Obey Driver's License Directives: Driver's license is revoked for 90 days; Concurrent with DMV action; Use an

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State of Alaska v. Michael Bowman (8/23/90); 2NO-10-452CR Notice of Dismissal; PTR filed 3/29/11; Filed by the DAs Office 5/3/11.

State of Alaska v. Michael Bowman (8/23/90); 2NO-11-163CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Assault 4*; Count 002: Harassment 1; Charge 004: Resisting Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 5/3/11.

State of Alaska v. Michael Bowman (8/23/90); 2NO-11-163CR Count 3: Disorderly Conduct; Date of offense: 3/28/11; Counts (Charges) Dismissed by State: 1, 2, 4; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 10 days, 0 days suspended; (Time—served); 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. Bertha Iya (7/25/75); Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: Drunk on Licensed Premise; Filed by the DAs Office 5/2/11.

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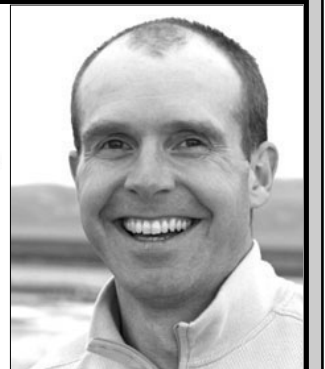
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plan should include a base for emergency oil spill and rescue response. Baker said the Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation and each of the tank farm operators have a stash. Kristenson said Shell will have a barge in summer months with nothing but oil spill response equipment on it. In 2007 the company published a 56-page booklet titled, *Shell's Beaufort Sea Exploratory Drilling Program Oil Spill Prevention and Response*.

Causeway ramp dock study

The commissioners and Baker discussed a study prepared by PND Engineers for a proposed third dock at the causeway and a roll-on, roll-off (ro-ro) ramp that allows cargo to be efficiently rolled on and off a vessel. Baker said a third causeway dock is needed because the city dock and West Gold dock are extremely busy. "This dock would be universal," she said. "It could be for a cargo barge, cruise ship or research ship, and while building it, it's wise to include a ro-ro ramp in the design."

The PND study includes four design options for the project. Three designs would place the third dock between the city dock and the West Gold dock, and a fourth would situate the dock at the west spur of the causeway. Baker weighed in against the latter location. She also said she does not like designs that extend the third dock out into the turning basin beyond the faces of the city dock and West Gold dock.

Discussion centered on a design placing the third dock between the two existing docks with its face aligned with the city dock. That design places a ro-ro ramp at the north end of the West Gold dock and calls for mooring dolphins for barges at that location. Commissioners said the dolphins would be a problem in ice conditions. Baker noted that the third dock won't be constructed this summer, but commissioners need to select a design concept for PND to develop.

Harbor floats anchor system

A new anchor system for two floats in the small boat harbor used by fishing vessels and other small craft is needed because ice has moved all of the piles except the head pile and they are badly out of alignment, Baker told the commissioners. They discussed a PND design for a new anchor system to remove the piles and collars, install a continuous long link ground chain at mud line between two fender piles on the low level dock and two fender piles on the opposite fish dock bulkhead, and connect vertical float chains to the ground chain.

PND estimates the cost of the new float anchor system at \$153,915. Baker said the price is a bargain compared to the cost of realigning the pilings. West asked whether the chains would be removed in the winter. Baker said they would be left in place. It is too late to do the project this year, she added.

Barge ramp expansion

The commissioners reviewed a PND plan to repair the city's barge ramp at the port, repair the barge ramp mooring dolphins, and provide additional capacity for the ramp. Baker reminded them they had discussed the plan, dated Sept. 20, 2010, with a PND representative at their last meeting in October 2010.

"The existing City of Nome Barge Ramp has been in service only about seven years," the PND plan states. "The appearance of the ramp on June 14, 2010 revealed that the base material is being overloaded and is suffering a loss of bearing capacity. There were small mounds of free sand and gravel visible on the ramp that had apparently been pumped from below the ramp and deposited between the concrete plank joints by the pressure of wheel loads. This action can be halted to prevent future deterioration of the concrete planks."

Baker noted that PND recommends placing grout below the planks rather than rebuilding the ramp over compacted gravel to decrease the bearing pressures. The PND plan states: "Rebuilding the ramp would probably be more expensive than building it was, because of the difficulty of removing concrete planks below water."

Baker said she has talked with a local concrete provider who has equipment to pump grout under the planks, and the work can be done without taking the ramp out of service. When the commissioners select a ramp repair plan, the city will apply for a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the plan will

be reviewed by agencies such as the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Baker added.

Commissioners discussed technical aspects of pumping grout under the barge ramp planks with John Blees of Bristol Environmental Engineering, who attended the work session. They made no decisions

about the barge ramp repair, a new anchor system for the floats or a third causeway dock during the work session.

The Port Commission will conduct a regular meeting Thursday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m.



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