



Photo by Diana Haecker

**A DAY ON THE BEACH**— After the storm, the waters calmed down and began to freeze up. The frozen beach offered the perfect surface for Daniel Anderson to go for a long bike ride on Sunday, Nov. 19.

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**BRAVE**— Wearing nothing but Speedos and flipflops, three visitors from Russia, China and England convinced Nome's Loren Prosser to join them in a dip in the nearly frozen Bering Sea in front of Nome. Prosser, carrying the Alaska Flag, leads the procession with Great Britain's Jack Bright, as Alexander Brylin, in the back, carries the Russian flag. See story and photos on page 9.

## Feds may chop back energy assistance

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council unanimously passed a resolution urging the Alaska delegation to fight to maintain the low - income home energy assistance program at current levels. The measure, passed Nov. 16, is a companion to an almost identical resolution passed by Nome Joint Utility System board of directors on Oct. 18. The federal government has proposed to cut the program by 50 percent.

Last year 77 Nome households qualified for \$166,705 in assistance with another 757 households in the region receiving help through the program. As Nome families face the most expensive winter in area history, with heating fuel running close to \$6 per gallon or more, the federal government has proposed to cut the LIHEAP funding in half, following already drastic cuts between 2011 and 2010 levels, nationwide from \$5.1 billion in 2010 to \$4.7 billion in 2011.

Applications have been mailed to previous recipients of assistance within priority populations—elderly, disabled, families with children under six years old, and households with income below 125 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines. Applications became available for the general public after Oct. 1.

Figures provided the Council showed heavy reliance on the program to heat and light households in surrounding villages where cash is scarce: Diomedea, 20 households, Gambell and Savoonga, over 100 households in each village, Shishmaref, 96 homes, Stebbins, 76, as examples.

The cost of fuel in Nome has risen by 20 percent in the last year. At the same time, Nome Joint Utility raised electricity rates by about 4 percent to meet the increased cost of feeding the utility's diesel generation. According to the resolution, in connection with

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## NovaGold has new CEO van Nieuwenhuyse to head new subsidiary

By Diana Haecker

NovaGold Resources Inc., the Canadian company that owns the failed Rock Creek gold mine in Nome, is undergoing major changes in its upper level management and corporate structure. The company last week announced that former Barrick Gold President Gregory Lang is going to head up NovaGold as president and CEO effective January 2012.

Lang headed Barrick's North America operations with projects in the US - including the Barrick Gold/NovaGold joint venture Donlin Creek- Canada and Dominican Republic. Lang was with Barrick for ten years; prior to that, he worked at Homestake Mining Company and International Corona Corporation - both now part of Barrick Gold.

Whether or not this is the first step of Barrick Gold to absorb NovaGold as well remains to be seen.

Barrick Gold attempted a hostile takeover of NovaGold in 2006 and offered NG shareholders \$16 per share. The takeover attempt was not successful back then. NG shares took a dive ever since and are traded for \$10.21 at the NY stock exchange as of press time on Monday.

Current NG CEO and president Rick van Nieuwenhuyse is to step down and become the president and CEO of a newly formed subsidiary called NovaCopper, which owns 100 percent interest in the Ambler project. In October, NovaCopper signed an agreement with NANA Corporation to consolidate a 445,000-acre property with a rich copper-zinc-lead-gold-silver deposit in the Ambler mining district.

Van Nieuwenhuyse will continue to sit on the board of directors of NovaGold.

The company proposes to distribute shares of NovaCopper to NovaGold shareholders as a return of capital. A plan associated with the changes will have to be approved by courts and shareholders in a special meeting scheduled for January.

NovaGold also announced that the board decided to sell all or part of their 50 percent share of the Ga-

lore Creek project in British Columbia.

The Galore Creek project made news when NG shareholders brought a class action lawsuit against the company. The lawsuits alleged that NovaGold misrepresented that the Galore Creek project was economically feasible when it knew or should have known it would cost substantially more than the figure that was presented, \$1.8 billion. NovaGold and its partner Teck Resources Ltd. announced in November 2007 that they were halting construction at Galore Creek after cost estimates bal-

looned to \$5 billion. The lawsuit was settled for \$28 million.

The board of directors also sees changes. Dr. Thomas Kaplan is a new member of the NG board of directors and has been appointed chairman of the board. Kaplan is the CEO of The Electrum Group, a privately held global natural resources investor. An affiliate of Electrum holds 21.65 percent of NovaGold's outstanding shares.

Gil Leathley has also been appointed to the board. He is senior vice president and chief operating officer of NovaGold. He has been with

the company since January 2010. According to NovaGold's press release, Leathley has worked in a variety of mining operations and retired in 2000 as senior vice president and COO of Homestake Mining Company, which now belongs to Barrick. Gerry McConnell, the outgoing chairman of the board of directors will continue to serve as a director. NovaGold now focuses on the development of a gold mine at Donlin Creek, which is a 50-50 joint venture between NG and Barrick Gold.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

In their November 17, 2011 column in the *Nugget*, Dan Harrelson and Don Stiles said the following statement in my letter to the editor is a lie. Well, I should say I think it was my letter to the editor because they were too cowardly to reveal who they were defaming. I'm assuming it was me:

"According to the 2009 NSEDC annual report that was delivered to everybody's mailbox; during its first year and a half, Siu booked net operating losses of \$4,220,795." 11/3/11 *Nome Nugget*

The truth is on page 22 of the NSEDC 2009 annual report, "As of December 31, 2009, Siu Corporation has remaining NOLs of approximately \$4,220,795". This report is online at: <http://www.nsedc.com/annualreports.html>

Dan and Don said, "Siu Alaska booked a net profit in 2009 of \$2.7 million."

The truth is that the 2009 NSEDC annual report says nothing about Siu booking a \$2.7 million net profit. I don't have any way to tell if either number is true, but the \$7 million discrepancy looks bad.

We should be able to find the truth in NSEDC's 2009 audited financial statement, but NSEDC doesn't let community members see its audits; they hide the truth about what they are doing with our money, and that's wrong.

Dan and Don said Siu won't lose money investing in the shoreside pollock fleet.

The National Marine Fisheries Service says catcher vessels, like the ones Siu bought for an undisclosed amount rumored to be \$52 million, could lose more than 90 percent of their pollock B season revenues under proposed regulations limiting chum salmon bycatch. Maybe NMFS is lying too, but it appears that in order for NSEDC to keep the

profits flowing from its shore-based trawlers, it will have to oppose chum salmon bycatch limitations.

Dan and Don said Siu invested in shoreside trawlers, so they will be able to reduce that sector's impact on salmon returning to our communities and that Siu's vessels magically fish cleaner than the rest of the fleet.

The truth is that during 2009, seven of Siu's trawlers were on the dirty 20 list for king salmon bycatch. Five of our vessels made it on the

dirty 20 list for chum bycatch.

Dan and Don said NSEDC board members receive audited financial statements for both NSEDC and Siu. When the subject came up earlier this month, board members said they hadn't received a 2010 audited financial statement, but they could be lying.

Even if they were telling the truth, NSEDC board members have been told by the staff they aren't supposed to share audit information with their

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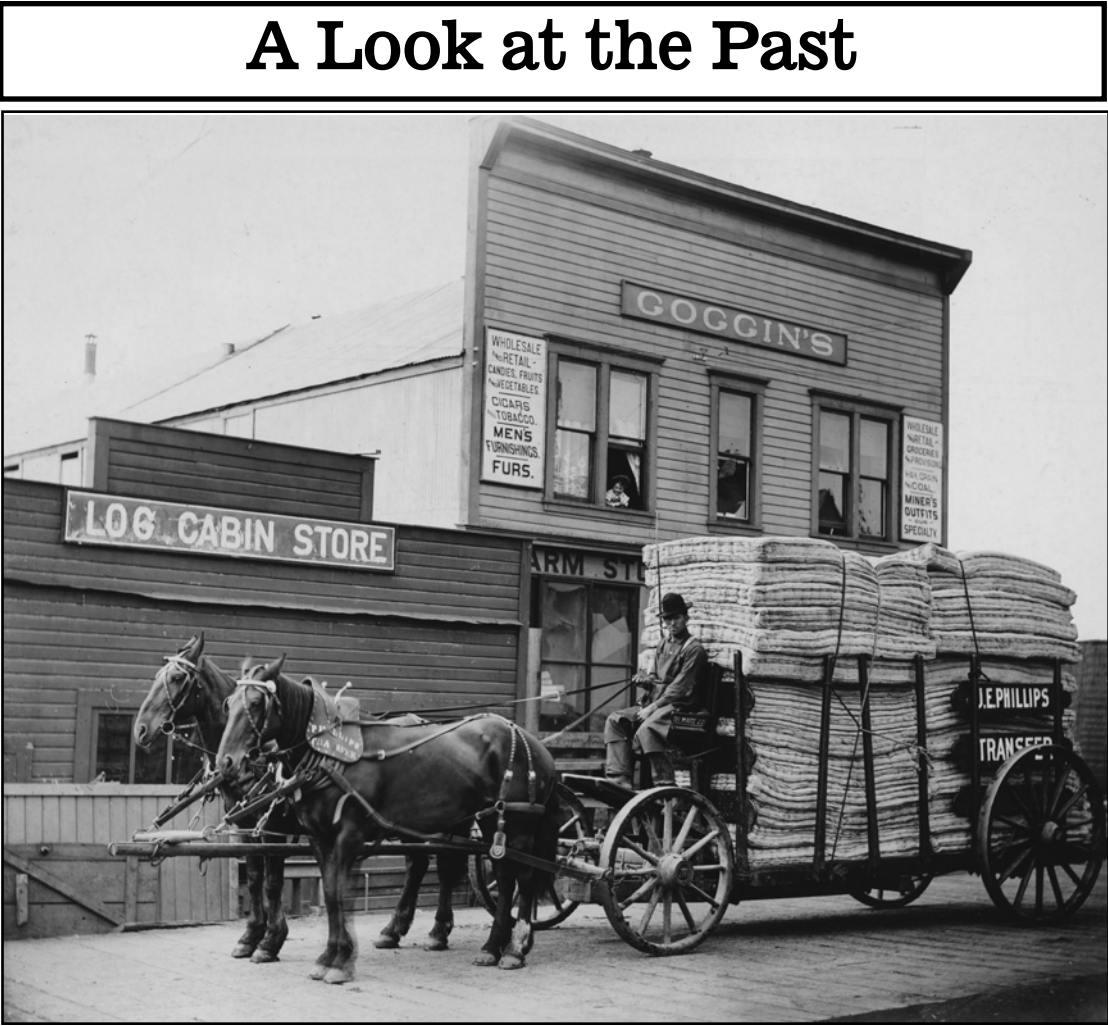
Editorial

Control Freaks

Why are some government employees afraid to tell the public what's happening? Does their boss beat them with a stick? After the recent Bering Sea storm *The Nugget* checked for local input about the storm damage. The phone company was contacted about the 911 emergency system going down. The Anchorage spokesperson said the phones did not go down. Sure they didn't. Then there is the Nome Police dispatcher who can't reveal the local emergency command phone number. The Department of Transportation has to refer all storm damage questions to someone clueless in Fairbanks.

It's too bad Nome has to surrender its local responses. Sometimes one has to forego the frustrations and just unload. Government isn't the only information control freak. Try to make a phone call to the local credit union or cable company. We have to call Anchorage, listen to a phone tree and leave a voice mail message and don't hold yer breath for a return call. Trying to do business locally can be even more of a challenge than getting information from the government.

Control of information to the public is not giving away trade secrets or classified spy stuff. We live in a democracy that is in jeopardy. We should be concerned that we don't end up like those Communist countries or those autocratic nations whose tyrants thrive on ignorance. We need to do all we can to promote the free exchange of information. We need to rid ourselves of the control freaks in government. —N.L.M.—



Courtesy of the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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Nome Norton Sound Tide Predictions (High & Low Waters) - November 24 - November 30, 2011

Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
11/24	Th	02:21 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	09:22 a.m.	LST 0.0 L	04:05 p.m.	LST 1.3 H	09:12 p.m.	LST 0.6 L
11/25	F	03:07 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	10:17 a.m.	LST -0.1 L	05:08 p.m.	LST 1.3 H	10:07 p.m.	LST 0.7 L
11/26	Sa	03:58 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	11:12 a.m.	LST -0.2 L	06:08 p.m.	LST 1.3 H	11:04 p.m.	LST 0.7 L
11/27	Su	04:54 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	12:07 p.m.	LST -0.2 L	07:06 p.m.	LST 1.4 H		
11/28	M	12:03 a.m.	LST 0.8 L	05:53 a.m.	LST 1.5 H	01:03 p.m.	LST -0.2 L	08:03 p.m.	LST 1.4 H
11/29	Tu	01:02 a.m.	LST 0.8 L	06:55 a.m.	LST 1.4 H	01:59 p.m.	LST -0.2 L	08:58 p.m.	LST 1.3 H
11/30	W	02:04 a.m.	LST 0.8 L	07:59 a.m.	LST 1.4 H	02:52 p.m.	LST -0.1 L	09:52 p.m.	LST 1.3 H

All times are listed in Local Standard Time (LST) or, Local Daylight Time (LDT) (when applicable). All heights are in feet referenced to Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW).

Weather

<b>Sunrise</b> 11/23/11 11:01 a.m. 11/30/11 11:22 a.m.				<b>High Temp</b> 16° 11/16,19,20/11 <b>Low Temp</b> -12° 11/22/11 <b>Peak Wind</b> 35 mph, NNE, 11/19,20/11 <b>Precip. to Date</b> 16.28" <b>Normal</b> 15.40" <b>Snowfall to Date</b> 16.5"				<b>National Weather Service</b> <b>Nome, Alaska</b> <b>(907) 443-2321</b> <b>1-800-472-0391</b>	
<b>Sunset</b> 11/23/11 04:35 p.m. 11/30/11 04:18 p.m.									

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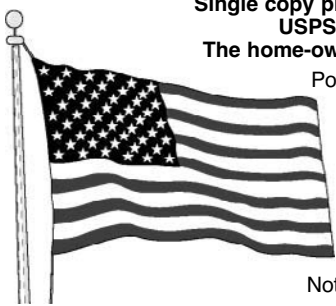
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Prehistoric artifact found at Cape Espenberg

A team of researchers with the University of Colorado, Boulder’s Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research has discovered the first prehistoric bronze artifact made from a cast ever found in Alaska.

The small, buckle-like object was found in an ancient Eskimo dwelling and likely originated in East Asia. The artifact consists of a rectangular bar connected to a broken circular ring, said Hoffeecker. It was found in August by a team excavating a 1,000-year-old house dug into the side of a beach ridge by early Inupiat Eskimos on the Seward Peninsula, within the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve.

Both sections of the artifact are beveled on one side and concave on the other, indicating it was manufactured in a mold, said Hoffeecker. “I was totally astonished,” said Hoffeecker. “The object appears to be older than the house we were excavating by at least a few hundred years.”

Hoffeecker said the bronze object may have been used as part of a harness or horse ornament prior to its arrival in Alaska. Its function on both continents still remains a puzzle.

Since bronze metallurgy from Alaska is unknown, the artifact likely was produced in East Asia and

reflects long-distance trade from production centers in either Korea, China, Manchuria or southern Siberia, according to Mason.

It conceivably could have been traded from the steppe region of southern Siberia, said Hoffeecker, where people began casting bronze several thousand years ago.

Alternatively, some of the earliest Inupiat Eskimos in northwest Alaska — the direct ancestors of modern Eskimos thought to have migrated into Alaska from adjacent Siberia some 1,500 years ago — might have brought the object with them from the other side of the Bering Strait. The peninsula was part of the Bering Land Bridge linking Asia and North America during the last ice age when sea level dropped dramatically, and may have been used by early peoples as a corridor to migrate from Asia into the New World some 14,000 years ago.

The artifact was discovered in August by University of California, Davis, doctoral student Jeremy Foin under 3 feet of sediment near an entryway to a house at Cape Espenberg. Other project members included Chris Darwent of UC Davis, Claire Alix of the University of Paris, Nancy Bigelow of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Max Friesen of the University of Toronto

and Gina Hernandez of the National Park Service.

“The shape of the object immediately caught my eye,” said Foin, who spotted the soil-covered artifact in an archaeological sifting screen. “After I saw that it clearly had been cast in a mold, my first thought was disbelief, quickly followed by the realization that I had found something of potentially great significance.”

The excavations are part of a National Science Foundation-funded project designed to study human response to climate change at Cape Espenberg from A.D. 800 to A.D. 1400, a critical period of cultural change in the western Arctic, said Mason. “That particular time period is thought by some to be an analog of what is happening to our environment now as Earth’s temperatures are rising,” said Mason. He said, “One of our goals is to find out how these people adapted to a changing climate through their subsistence activities.”

The Cape Espenberg site has yielded a treasure trove of several thousand artifacts. The bronze artifact unearthed in August is currently under study by prehistoric metallurgical expert and Purdue University Assistant Professor H. Kory Cooper.



Photo courtesy University of Colorado  
**PREHISTORIC**— A cast bronze artifact, about 2 inches by 1 inch and less than an inch thick, is the first to be found in Alaska. A National Science Foundation-funded excavation led by CU-Boulder to look at human response to climate change on the Seward Peninsula in Alaska some 1,000 years ago found the artifact inside an ancient house dug into the side of a sand-covered beach ridge once occupied by Inupiat Eskimos. The object is the first prehistoric bronze artifact made from a cast ever found in Alaska and appears to have originated in East Asia.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

November 24 - November 30, 2011

EVENT	PLACE	TIME
<b>Thursday, November 24</b>		
<b>*Community Thanksgiving Dinner</b> XYZ CENTER noon - 3:00 p.m. *Rec Center, Pool, City Hall, Museum, Library, Visitors Center, NJUS: Closed		
		
<b>Friday, November 25</b>		
<b>*Rec Center, Pool, City Hall, Museum, Library, Visitors Center, NJUS: Closed</b>		
<b>*Black Friday</b>	<b>Bearing Song</b>	<b>10 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b>
*I am Your Child video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Journey Thru The Healing Circle	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, November 26</b>		
<b>*Preschool Bazaar</b>	<b>Mini Conv. Center</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b>
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Body Blast	Nome Rec Center	12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*All About Babies Part 1 & 2 video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Ear Infection video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, November 27</b>		
*Independent H2O	Pool	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
*The Miracle of Life video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Your Laparoscopy video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Pick Up Women's Bball	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
<b>Monday, November 28</b>		
*Pick-up Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kinder Gym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Sexually Transmitted Disease v.	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Breastfeeding Basketball video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 5:15 p.m.
*Dance: Grades K-2	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Zumba	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<b>*NCC Reg Mtg</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*H2O Aerobics	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church (rear)	8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, November 29</b>		
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	7:00 a.m. - noon
*Preschool Story Hour	Library	10:30 a.m.
*Laps/Walk	Pool	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
*Tennis (call ahead please)	Nome Rec Center	Noon - 2:00 p.m.
*Baby Care video	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*Eating on a Healthy Budget video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Volleyball Grades 3-6	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Kripalu Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*City League Bball	Nome Rec Center	6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, November 30</b>		
*Pickup Basketball	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m.-7 a.m.
*Lap Swim	Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
*Rotary Club	Airport Pizza	noon
*Menstruation: Understand Your Baby	Prematernal Home	1:30 p.m.
*The Baby System video	Prematernal Home	2:30 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 1,2	Nome Rec Center	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
*Youth Soccer Gr 3-5	Nome Rec Center	3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	4:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Spc Yoga	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Zumba (video)	Nome Rec Center	5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
*Tae Kwon Do	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Night Owl Yoga	Nome Rec Center	9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Community points of interest:

- \*Carrie McLain Memorial Museum: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Tu-Sa)
- \*Kegoayah Kozga Library: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (M-Th), 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (F-Sa)
- \*Nome Visitors Center: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (M-F)
- \*Northwest Campus Library - Northwest Campus: Closed for renovation
- \*XYZ Center - Center Street: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (M-F)



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Photo by Danielle Sylvester

**THERY'RE BITING** — Avid fishers aren't stopped by cold temperatures at the mouth of the Snake River right off of Prospect Street.

## Fuel barge late in coming over the horizon

A Delta Western barge headed to Nome and laden with over a million gallons of diesel oil has been delayed in Adak by mechanical issues along with weather.

The barge, if it comes soon, could still unload its cargo across Port of Nome fuel facilities, say port users. The barge would be using the outer

harbor and not the ice-clogged inner harbor.

The fuel is headed for Sitnasuak Native Corp. storage tanks. Should the barge not arrive, Nome Joint Utility System would not have any fuel for sale, according to John K. Handeland, manager.

"We did not buy any extra this

year," he said, "because of the higher price and the supply of cheaper fuel we still had in inventory to average in with the new fuel to keep rates as low as possible."

Delta Western did not immediately return a phone call Monday.

## Ulu News

By Senator Donald Olson  
District T.

**Coastal communities braved record-breaking Bering Sea storm**

Last week, several communities in my district endured the record-breaking, hurricane-like Bering Sea storm. I'd like to commend those local communities for their emergency preparedness for this intensely severe storm. I'd also like to express my gratitude to the State of Alaska Emergency Operations Center and the many local, state, and federal agencies for their collaborative partnership in carrying out the state's emergency response plans during this historic storm.

The powerful storm packed a double-punch of 90 mph winds in some areas and flooding in others. According to the *Anchorage Daily News*, the storm caused damage in 37 communities. Regrettably, a 26-year-old man from the village of Teller remains missing. A search is ongoing and searchers say he was possibly swept into the Bering Sea.

Aside from the damage and loss, I'm pleased to learn that coastal residents are safe in their communities or evacuation points. That is thanks to the numerous organizations that worked together to save lives as well as minimize damage from the mega storm. Now many of those organizations are focused on assessing the destruction and starting the difficult process of rebuilding.

In the most recent update from the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, three Preliminary Damage Assessment teams operating out of Nome, Bethel, and Kotzebue have been deployed. More teams (including FEMA) will deploy to the hubs soon with plans to visit communities following that. Next, a data collection group, whose mission is to receive the

damage assessment numbers from each of the branch directors, will compile the overall incident assessments and reconcile with their FEMA counterparts at the Emergency Operations Center.

The Red Cross is also working diligently to help victims affected by the storm. Volunteers and staff are coordinating with the State Emergency Command Center to assess the status of affected coastline communities and to ensure their most immediate needs are being met.

This epic storm is a great example of why our communities should continue developing emergency plans in preparation for such natural disasters. I've heard from constituents in Kotzebue and Shishmaref that these communities fared much better because of the shore walls that were implemented to prevent damage from storms like this. A Disaster Policy Cabinet meeting is scheduled to take place on November 30 to address this incident as well as the Kenai Peninsula Borough storm and power outage from a couple weeks ago.

I'd like to restate that our local community leaders did an outstanding job preparing for the storm and making sure the lives of neighbors and loved ones were protected in the best way possible. I'd also like to acknowledge the Alaska National Guard members who are stationed in Nome and Bethel. They worked closely with U.S. Coast Guard counterparts to provide immediate evacuation capabilities if life safety issues were to arise.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I'm very thankful for the safety of those in our communities and for the help of all those who helped prepare for the storm and assisted in the aftermath. Your service and help are immeasurable and very much appreciated, especially by those who reside in affected communities.

## Feds may cut energy assistance

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the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Extremely High Energy Cost Community Grant Program, Nome's cost of energy has been consistently documented at 275 percent of the national average.

The Council's resolution asks Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Sen. Mark Begich and Congressman Don Young to fight to maintain and increase funding at no less than FY 2011 levels plus adjustments for this winter's increased energy costs.

Councilman Randy Pomeranz urged, backed by Councilwoman Mary Knodel, that the City spend money to hire a consultant to evaluate the feasibility of developing local energy sources from gas, hydroelectric, coal or hot springs. The City has available \$1 million received from Norton Sound Economic Development Corp. a couple years ago for energy development. Knodel suggested the City hire not a single consultant, but a company without a financial interest in the outcome to apply highly qualified experts to the issue.

**Goodbye, Lulu**

In other business, the Council — with the exception of Councilman Stan Andersen — approved awarding the job to take the barge *Lulu* out of the harbor to Q Trucking Co. The City opened five bids on the job on Oct. 21: Global Diving and Salvage, Inc., \$2,661,000; Heko Service, \$2,244,960; Pacific Pile and Marine, LP, \$1,850,000; Prowest Contractors, \$1,410,000; and Q Trucking Co., \$404,756.82. The Port Commission at its Nov. 10 meeting recommended that the Council award the bid to Q Trucking. Andersen said the \$400,000 would be better spent for port improvements at this time.

The City bought the *Lulu* in 1986 as a transfer barge for its new causeway, but a 1990 storm damaged the *Lulu* and partially submerged her near the causeway. Then the City hired Crowley Maritime to salvage the barge to be moved into the inner harbor as a moorage, but the *Lulu* went aground on the sandspit east of the causeway where it has been visible more or less, depending on the tide level, for years.

The Nome Common Council fin-

ished tweaking and wrapping up five sections of the City's 2011 spending plan at its Nov. 16 meeting. The changes altered the budget adopted in June 2010. The panel recessed for public testimony but no one took the podium.

Overall, general fund budget results allocated revenue increases to sales tax, landfill maintenance fees (use by school roof instruction and other projects, building permits, raw fish tax sharing, ambulance fees and pool rentals).

General fund expense increases occurred in the headings of legislative, animal control, ambulance, building maintenance (new public safety building and other facilities), landfill, park and playground lights, road maintenance, museum and library. There were decreases in spending for administration, clerk, police, fire, pool and Visitor Center.

The Council unanimously adopted the FY 2011 budget revisions rendering these final figures for 2011: General fund, \$11,360,411; school bond funds, \$2,291,403; special revenue fund, \$496,314; capital projects fund, \$2,718,604; Port of Nome, \$1,273,103.

The Council inspected police reports that stated there had been no calls for assistance to Milano Pizzeria or the VFW bar and therefore did not raise issues concerning the renewal of liquor licenses for the two establishments. A local governing body has 60 days in which to protest and block renewal of a liquor license, but must be prepared to document and defend such a protest.

During citizen comments at the end of the meeting, Cussy Kauer urged the City to adopt a permitting process with standards for erecting wind turbines.

"I am terrified of blades flying off in public," she said. She was "shocked" that Alaska Airlines had a wind turbine at the terminal.

"What happens if a blade flies off into a jet? I see a real danger out there with windmills popping up in public places," Kauer said.

If final comments, Andersen said he wanted to see a printout of expenses for a trip to Norway concerning former Councilmember Jim West, Jr. and Mayor Denise Michels.

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# Norton Sound names new president and CEO

The full board of Norton Sound Health Corporation met on November 14 and decided to offer the job of president and CEO to Deven Parlikar. Parlikar started on November 15. He is in the process of moving from San Diego, California, to Nome. Parlikar has a bachelor's degree in economics from San Diego State University and an MBA from the University of California, Irvine.

Before moving to Nome, Parlikar was the principal consultant with M3D, a management consulting firm. Parlikar's health-related work experience includes being the president and executive director of the Native American Indian Health Council of San Diego, being on the Indian Health Council and having been appointed to the UN Council on Human Rights. In 2005, the US De-

partment of Health and Human Services presented Parlikar with the CEO of the year award for managerial excellence and using public private partnerships in healthcare.

Parlikar's other professional experience includes working with and directing program management of public health programs funded by the Public Health Foundation Enterprises in Eastern Europe, South

Africa and South Asia.

He currently serves on the boards of directors of the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, the Asia Pacific Tobacco Prevention Initiative and the California Primary Health Care Association.

In a press release, Parlikar said that he is delighted to lead Norton Sound to the next level of excellence. "There are some exciting develop-

ments in the horizon such as the new hospital construction project; a new long term care facility and such that shows the commitment and dedication of NSHC's staff, board and the communities it serves. To be part of this committed team is a dream come true for me," Parlikar said.

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Sound salmon returns, but they don't say how they know that this is true. The information on salmon bycatch isn't as clear-cut as Dan and Don wish it was. All the scientific data really show is that an unknown number of salmon bound for specific western Alaska rivers including the rivers in Norton Sound are killed and wasted. That's unfortunate, but it's the truth.

The truth is that trawl bycatch is a mixed stock fishery and it is easy to overharvest weak stocks like the ones in Norton Sound in mixed stock fisheries.

Dan and Don said that NSEDC and Siu don't hide information from the public.

The truth is that NSEDC conducts most of its business in executive session. Members of the public and even NSEDC directors are excluded from Siu meetings and can't see Siu financial records. The minutes of the 2011 Siu annual meeting contain the following — An NSEDC board member questioned why NSEDC board members cannot attend the Siu Alaska Corporation Board Meeting. John Eckels stated this was the decision of the Siu Alaska Corporation Board. Don Stiles noted this was to protect NSEDC from any liability, keeping that distance acts as a corporate veil. He asked Kyan to elaborate. Kyan Olanna noted that arm's length provisions are for the protection of NSEDC. William asked how we, NSEDC, as the lone shareholder are able to elect people to the Siu Board, but are prevented, as a shareholder, to attend the meet-

ing. Kyan explained that the NSEDC board as a whole represents NSEDC, which is the shareholder; but that individual board members cannot act as a shareholder.

It is a truism that people who hide behind closed doors generally have something to hide and when they can't come up with an excuse for their secrecy, you have to wonder what they are hiding. When millions of dollars of public money are being moved around, there needs to be transparency; that's just common sense.

I'm concerned about the massive amount of debt NSEDC and Siu have taken on. In 2008, before the Alaska Boat Company purchase and the purchase of the Bering Fisheries plant in Dutch Harbor, Siu subsidiary Glacier Fish Company had close to \$200 million in debt. The truth is that wasn't reported in the NSEDC 2008 annual report.

We don't know how much NSEDC borrowed to buy into Dutch Harbor and they're planning to borrow another \$40 million. NSEDC has no business taking on these debts without the informed consent of the people who will be left holding the bag if their risky gambles fail. The truth is that they don't tell us anything about what they are doing with our money.

Dan and Don's bottom line says, "NSEDC and Siu also operate in the highly competitive, for-profit world of commercial fishing. This requires that some information remain privileged, often in order to protect the interests of our partner companies."

As an IRS 501(c)(4) tax exempt organization, NSEDC is subsidized

by the taxpayers to do the things that for-profit corporations wouldn't do to address poverty, unemployment and lack of economic opportunity in Norton Sound communities. That's in the tax code.

The tax code also says that 501(c)(4) corporations must not be organized for profit and must be operated exclusively to promote social welfare. NSEDC's for profit competitive commercial fishing operations threaten its tax exempt status. We could end up paying 35% of the CDQ royalties to the government just so Dan and Don can dabble in Bering Sea commercial fishing alongside the big boys.

I don't believe that any of the people in NSEDC or Siu corporation management have the expertise required to compete in that industry and even if they don't lose all of our money, I want to know how it will create jobs or develop the economy of Norton Sound. I could call the NSEDC office in Anchorage, walk into the local office in Nome or ask one of the outreach liaisons, but they won't talk to me and I am not the only one they won't talk to about these issues. If you don't think that's true, try asking them and let us know what they say.

NSEDC has moved most of our business assets into Siu and tens of millions of dollars of our cash. Siu now has a tangled web of at least 28 subsidiaries and partnerships. I tried

to sort it out but every time I thought I had come to the end, there were more owners hidden inside another LLC or holding company. There is no way to find out the truth about who owns our fishing businesses, and that should worry everyone in Norton Sound.

Congress recently directed the Government Accountability Office to investigate how well the ANCSA corporations communicate with their shareholders and the need for more oversight. I urge anyone who thinks the CDQ groups need more accountability and oversight to send their concerns to the GAO email box at the address below and ask them to expand their investigation to include the CDQ program. The GAO is very good at getting at the truth, and the truth will show that congressional action is needed to fix the CDQ program. [ANCfeedback@GAO.gov](mailto:ANCfeedback@GAO.gov)  
Tim Smith  
Nome, AK

Dear Editor:

Re: Alaska Marine Highway, and the future of our Ferry System (DOT, yearly "Scoping Plan" report, WRGL Sentinel 10/27/11)

I didn't know that DOT had a yearling "Scoping Plan." I have lived in Alaska since 1963, when our ferries first started. I was here, when they enlarged our fleet so as to get our ferry service to our Indian villages, and our logging camps, so that

all of us who lived in outlying towns would have access to our ferry system.

I worked for the ferry system for many years, and I watched as DOT did less and less maintenance on our ships. Every winter as our ships got ready to go into "dry-dock," our "A" and "B," crew engineers on each ship would turn in their "rap" sheets to DOT, stating the maintenance needed for each ship. The "Rap" sheet was a long yellow sheet of necessary repairs for each ship, compiled by the engineers on each ship. It consisted of a full sheet of repairs and every winter for many years DOT crossed out the full sheet of repairs, except for about the last four or five repairs, saying they were not necessary.

I worked on the *Matanuska*, when she backed into the dock in Bellingham. We had a new skipper that trip and he was not aware that you had to "jiggle" the reverse to get it out of reverse. A crane fell onto our ship, crushing several cars, and a woman had her legs crushed. Since then no one is allowed below decks until the ship is secured at the dock. There were many other incidents through the years, not because of our captain's qualifications, but more because our "maintenance" had not been done on any of our ships for years. Talk to our retired engineers,

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## Haugen pleads not guilty

By Diana Haecker

Former Northwest Campus director Linda Haugen pleaded not guilty to charges of misconduct involving a controlled substance during her arraignment on Nov. 15.

Haugen stands accused of sending 55 grams of marijuana and marijuana pills to her P.O. Box in Nome from Colorado, in October. Shortly after a criminal complaint was filed with the court, Haugen resigned from her post at the Northwest Cam-

pus.

Haugen's Anchorage attorney asked whether Haugen could telephonically participate at the next court hearing on Dec. 15, as she was currently relocating. Magistrate Brad Gater granted the request.

Haugen was released on her own recognizance, which means that the court permits her to stay out of jail pending the resolution of the case and that there is no need to post bail.

## Nome man charged with sexual abuse of a minor to change plea

By Diana Haecker

Vaughn Johnson, a 57-year-old Nome man charged with one count of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, has put the court on notice that he may enter a guilty plea. In a hearing last week, Johnson entered a waiver of indictment and the court scheduled a change of plea hearing for January 4. A waiver of indictment means that Johnson gives up the right to have his case heard in front of a grand jury. If a grand jury returns a true bill, an indictment is filed as the charging document in

court and the case can go to trial. The State's District Attorney John Earthman explained that child sexual cases, often don't advance to grand jury or to trial in order to avoid having children go through the trauma again by testifying.

Johnson is accused of sexually assaulting a nine-year-old girl. Charges were filed on September 6. Johnson is held at the Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility with bail set at \$50,000.

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ICE FISHING—Nome residents took to the ice last Sunday jigging for tomcod at the mouth of the Nome River.

## All around the Sound

### New Arrivals



Denae Sierra Kerice Williams

DeShawn and Kellie Williams of Nome are proud to announce the birth of their daughter **Denae Sierra Kerice Williams**, born on September 20 at 11:09 p.m. She joined her parents, family and friends at the NSHC. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Charlie and Bernice Brown of Golovin. Paternal grandparents are Veta Williams from Savoonga, and Darrel Williams, Sr. from Ville Platte, Louisiana.

Laura and Jeffrey Davis of Anchorage announce the birth of their son **Isaiah Erwin Tingook Davis**,

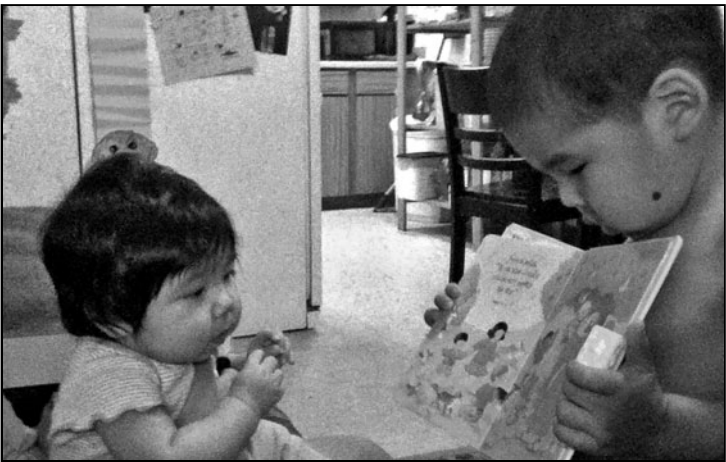


Photo by Nancy T. Analook

**ENJOYING A GOOD BOOK—**Together Aissonna Alicia Saclamana, 3 months old, and Elton Cabinboy Analook/Outwater, nearly 3 years old, shared a story, and both were interested in reading a book.

BERING STRAIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2011-12 Mixed Six VOLLEYBALL TEAM RESULTS Current Team Standings 11/21/11						
Mixed Six TEAMS	BSSD SETS WON	BSSD SETS LOST	BSSD MATCHES WON	BSSD MATCHES LOST	OVERALL SET RECORD	OVERALL MATCH RECORD
Unalakleet	39	1	13	0	42-4	14-1
White Mountain	45	15	15	2	48-20	16-3
Elim	37	21	12	4	37-21	12-4
Golovin	25	9	7	3	28-9	9-3
Shishmaref	16	12	4	4	20-12	4-4
Brevig Mission	24	35	5	9	24-35	5-9
St. Michael	12	26	4	8	13-34	4-11
Shaktolik	20	41	5	12	22-46	4-15
Savoonga	9	29	3	9	9-29	3-9
Teller	6	24	2	6	9-31	3-8
Gambell	2	36	0	12	2-36	0-12

GAME RESULTS					
Fri. October 14, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
Golovin VS Unalakleet JV	25-12	25-19	25-17		
Unalakleet JV VS Teller	15-25	25-16	23-25	18-25	
Golovin VS Teller	25-17	25-12	25-11		
St. Michael VS Brevig	17-25	25-23	25-23	25-23	
Unalakleet VS St. Michael	25-14	25-12	25-10		
Unalakleet VS Brevig	25-6	25-16	25-9		
White Mt. Vs. Gambell	25-18	25-10	25-20		
Elim vs. Gambell	25-16	25-11	25-14		
White Mt. Vs. Elim	25-23	22-25	25-16	25-19	
Saturday, October 15, 2011					
Golovin VS Teller	25-12	25-14	25-21		
Teller VS Unalakleet JV	25-10	25-14	25-21		
Golovin VS Unalakleet JV	25-18	25-17	25-11		
Unalakleet vs. St. Michael	25-13	25-18	25-11		
Unalakleet vs. Brevig	25-5	25-9	25-18		
St. Michael vs. Brevig	24-26	25-15	25-23	25-16	
White Mt. vs Elim	25-18	25-22	26-24		
Elim vs. Gambell	25-5	25-18	20-25	25-16	
White Mt. Vs Gambell	26-24	25-13	25-10		
Fri. October 21, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
Elim VS Brevig Mission	17-25	25-19	25-15	15-14	
Shishmaref VS Brevig	18-25	23-25	25-20	27-29	
Elim VS Shishmaref	25-17	25-23	25-18		
White Mt. Vs. Teller	25-8	25-20	25-15		
White Mt. Vs. Shaktolik	25-16	28-26	25-27	25-11	
Shaktolik vs. Teller	16-25	25-23	26-28	25-19	15-13
Sat. October 22, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
Brevig Mission VS Shishmaref	22-25	19-25	25-17	25-19	15-13
Elim VS Brevig Mission	19-25	13-25	25-21	25-17	15-9
Elim VS Shishmaref	22-25	25-16	25-23	25-19	
White Mt. Vs Teller	25-15	25-15	23-25	21-25	17-15
White Mt. Vs Shaktolik	25-15	25-23	25-16		
Teller vs. Shaktolik	25-17	29-27	23-25	21-25	15-11
Nome Mixed-Six Tournament					
Unalakleet VS Shaktolik	25-13	25-12	25-14		
Unalakleet VS White Mountain	25-12	25-18	25-20		
St. Michael VS Nome Varsity	8-25	5-25	4-25		
St. Michael VS Shaktolik	18-25	25-27	SKK won		
St. Michael VS Nome JV	17-25	10-25	JV won		

born September 29 at 4:29 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21.75 inches in length.

Lena Eakon and Frank Johnson of Nome announce the birth of their son **Franklyn Benjamin Johnson**, born November 8 at 3:18 a.m. at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19 inches in length.

Kiatcha Karen Seetot and Reuben Lee Adams of Brevig Mission announce the birth of their son **Kenneth John Seetot**, born November 8 at 5:14 p.m. Siblings: half sister Brittney Topkok, and half brother David Pullock of Teller; and 1-year old Delana Seetot. Maternal grandparents are Walter Seetot and Deiores Kakoona of Brevig Mission.

Paternal grandparents are Jacob and Jane Olanna of Brevig Mission.

**Nomeite, Savoonga women received Governor’s emergency services awards**

During the annual Alaska Emergency Medical Services awards banquet, Nome dentist Dan Stang received the citizen award from the Governor in recognition of his quick life-saving actions that saved Wes Perkins’ life when he was attacked by a grizzly bear. EMS provider awards were given to Brianne Gologergen and Danielle Reynolds in recognition of their life-saving care to a patient with a gunshot wound in December 2010.

**Nomeite appointed to Alaska workforce investment board**  
Governor Parnell appointed Dawn

White Mountain VS Nome JV	14-25	12-25	25-16	25-18	15-8
White Mountain VS Nome II	16-25	16-25	22-25		
Nome II vs Teller	25-8	25-15	25-18		
Nome JV vs. Teller	25-9	26-24			
Nome JV vs Shaktolik	25-18	27-25			
Teller vs Shaktolik	25-14	21-25	25-22	18-25	15-10
Nome Varsity vs. Unalakleet	25-13	25-22	25-23		

Fri. November 4, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
Shishmaref vs. Savoonga	25-15	25-16	25-20		
St. Micheal vs. Savoonga	25-17	25-18	25-8		
Shishmaref vs. St. Michael	25-8	25-22	25-18		
Golovin vs. Unalakleet	25-16	25-7	25-18		
Shaktolik vs. Unalakleet	16-25	10-25	9-25		
Golovin vs. Shaktolik	25-11	26-24	25-21		
Gambell vs. Elim	10-25	16-25	17-25		
Elim vs. Brevig Mission	25-15	25-15	25-18		
Brevig Mission vs. Gambell	25-5	25-14	25-22		
Sat. November 5, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
Shishmaref vs. St. Michael	21-21	26-24	25-15		
St. Michael vs. Savoonga	25-20	25-11	25-18		
Shisharef vs. Savoonga	25-14	25-20	25-14		
Golovin vs Shaktolik	25-12	25-12	25-16		
Shaktolik vs. Unalakleet	11-25	6-25	13-25		
Golovin vs. Unalakleet	25-12	25-18	25-18		
Brevig Mission vs. Elim	21-25	25-22	13-25	22-25	
Gambell vs. Elim	25-22	10-25	17-25	13-25	
Gambell vs. Brevig Mission	23-25	19-25	14-25		

Fri. November 11, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
St. Michael vs. White Mountain	14-25	12-25	11-25		
White Mountain vs. Golovin	25-23	20-25	26-24	25-23	
St. Michael vs. Golovin	8-25	21-25	19-25		
Shaktolik vs. Gambell	25-17	25-18	25-9		
Savoonga vs. Gambell	25-6	25-9	25-6		
Shaktolik vs. Savoonga	25-15	25-15	25-23		
Sat. November 12, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
St. Michael vs. Golovin	18-25	12-25	12-25		
White Mountain vs. Golovin	17-25	21-25	15-25		
St. Michael vs. White Mountain	23-25	19-25	13-25		
Savoonga vs. Shaktolik	25-20	25-09	26-24	25-14	15-9
Savoonga vs. Gambell	25-7	25-23	25-19		
Shaktolik vs. Gambell	25-10	25-14	26-24		

Fri. November 18, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
White Mountain vs. Teller	25-16	25-18	9-25	25-19	
Brevig Mission vs Teller	25-19	26-24	25-27	22-25	15-4
White Mountain vs Brevig Mission	25-12	25-23	23-25	24-26	15-10
Unalakleet vs Elim	25-21	25-17	25-15		
Elim vs Shaktolik	25-15	25-20	15-25	25-17	
Unalakleet vs Shaktolik	25-17	25-12	25-23		

Sat. November 19, 2011	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3	Game 4	Game 5
White Mountain vs Brevig Mission	20-25	27-25	25-11		
Teller vs Brevig Mission	26-24	25-8	25-13		
White Mountain vs Teller	26-24	25-18	13-25	25-20	
Elim vs Shaktolik	25-21	25-12	25-27	25-18	
Unalakleet vs Shaktolik	25-18	25-9	19-25	25-19	
Unalakleet vs Elim	25-17	25-14	25-23		

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Salesky to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board. The board works to develop and oversee the implementation of a comprehensive state human resource investment system, and to promote an integrated system of employment education and training programs so that all Alaskans have the skills and opportunities necessary to earn a living wage, and to meet the future business needs of the state.

Salesky serves as the vice president of the Education, Employment and Training Division at Kawerak, Inc., the Bering Straits Regional non-profit corporation established by the Bering Straits Native Association where she started her career as an intern in 1989.

Prior to joining Kawerak, Inc., Salesky worked as an interpreter with the U.S. National Park Service and U.S. Conservation Corps. She earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in rural development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Salesky previously served as a member of the Denali Commission Training Advisory Council, and as the chair of the Alaska Native Coalition on Employment and Training. She is appointed to a seat reserved for an individual with a background in adult basic education.



The JROTC Cadet Corps held a turkey shoot last weekend with the following results:

#### First-sixth grade

1. Elise Rasmussen
2. Walter Bell
3. Chase Marvin

#### Seventh-12<sup>th</sup> grade

1. Nathaniel Apolloni
2. James Horner
3. Lief Erickson

#### Grad – 49 years old

1. Kevin Busk
2. Walter Gusse
3. Nick Klescewski

#### 50+ years old

1. Ken Hughes
2. Roy Ashenfelter



# School board mulls tobacco policies in first readings

By Diana Haecker

The school board in its regular meeting held last week, went through first readings of two board policies that aim to make NPS schools a tobacco-free environment and to develop a tobacco prevention and support program.

Nome Public Schools administrators worked with Danielle Sylvester, K-12 tobacco prevention coordinator, who presented drafts of comprehensive tobacco policies at the meeting. Sylvester said that after researching similar tobacco policies of other schools, she modeled the drafts to mirror the strong policies NPS has in place against alcohol and drug abuse.

Sylvester said that the grant she is working under includes the marching orders to work with schools to bring tobacco prevention to students and also aid the school district formulating a tobacco-free policy. The grant is a rural tobacco prevention grant issued from the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services. Director of federal programs, instruction and accountability, John Berkeley, explained that the grant is designed to assist communities and schools in developing policies and programs around

works at the schools as a youth advocate and is available to help students to kick their tobacco addiction, upon referral by the principals.

The school board discussed the language of both draft policies and Barb Nickels questioned why only one policy spells out the consequences for student violators. Sylvester and John Berkeley stressed the point that the policies are designed to be non-punitive. However, in order to bring the policy in line with other policies, i.e. the drug and alcohol policy, the board agreed on an amendment that includes language to the effect that students who violate the policy shall be subject to disciplinary action that could lead to suspension.

The policies will go into second reading during the next regular school board meeting. The school board also adopted board policies dealing with equipment use, children of military families, withholding grades, diploma or transcripts and portable electronic devices, including cell phones.

#### Other items of discussion:

Superintendent Mike Brawner told the board that a new state law is in place regarding students suffering

a reading deficit that hasn't been diagnosed, limited home support and experiencing physical or emotional abuse. "This is a call to action," Brawner commented

occasion where the student led the conference between his teacher and his parents. "I encourage parents to bring their children to attend those conferences," Keller said.

with data and specific questions for teachers, so that it would be a successful event," Keller said.

Brawner, Gast and Keller commented on the recent storm that hit



Photo by Diana Haecker

**HONORS—** JROTC cadet Robert Larsen, right, stands by as JROTC instructor Jim Doll introduces him as the student of the month. School board member Barb Amarok, left, looks on.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH—** Nome-Beltz Junior High School student Daphany Antonia Iya received the student of the month honors during last week's school board meeting.

prevention, cessation and education of tobacco.

This is the first time that NPS set into policy that the schools are a tobacco-free environment and coupled the hard-line approach of zero tolerance with a cessation and prevention program.

The policy on tobacco-free schools prohibits the use or distribution by students, parents, all district employees, contractors and all other visitors on all school district property, at school sponsored events and in school owned vehicles.

Student violators would be subject to disciplinary actions, district employees who violate the policy could face sanctions up to termination of their employment, and visitors would be asked to leave and local law enforcement could be notified.

The second policy is designed to develop a comprehensive prevention and support program. Sylvester worded the draft so it has a non-punitive tone to it and encourages students with tobacco problems to seek help. The draft says that "the district shall provide preventative instruction that helps students obtain and use current and accurate information regarding tobacco, develop and maintain a positive self-concept, take positive actions to cope with stress, and use appropriate social and personal skills to resist involvement with tobacco."

The policy also spells out that school personnel be trained in identifying symptoms of tobacco use and that students as well as parents should also be informed about appropriate counseling. Sylvester

from a concussion sustained during school. The district has aligned administrative regulations dealing with concussions and has implemented the change before the new school year began. Steve Gast, principal at Nome-Beltz Sr./Jr. High School said that his staff hit the ground running as all high school coaches have gone through the information on the new concussion regulations.

Reading results: Nome Elementary School principal Dave Keller broke the not-so-good news that recent MAP reading tests results showed that NES students have a long way to go to achieve the goal of 90 percent in reading. "We are not there," Keller said. "We are at 40 percent." He said that the district norm is students reading at fourth grade level, while the national norm is sixth grade level. Superintendent Mike Brawner in his report presented pie charts showing reading results for students in grades 5 through 8. The majority of fifth graders—16 out of 40—are reading at second grade level. Twelve are reading at third grade level and only three students are reading at grade level. Of the 40 tested students in sixth grade, six are reading above grade level, four are at grade level and the majority of nine students are reading at fifth grade level. Out of 38 students in seventh grade, seven students are reading at second grade level. Brawner also added information on the correlation between poor reading performance and drop out characteristics for sixth graders. Some of the characteristics that can lead a sixth grader to quit school include being older than the current grade level, poor attendance,

In order to get up to the goal of having 90 percent of students read at grade level, Keller suggested the continuation of after-school tutoring in collaboration with Nome Eskimo Community for grades kindergarten through third grade. When asked why grades 4 through sixth are left out, he said that there are only very limited resources available. He said that Mrs. Wehde works with fifth and sixth graders on reading skills.

Parent/Teacher conferences: High school had a successful parent-teacher conference as 60 percent, or 140, parents of senior and junior high school students showed up to confer with the teacher. Gast attributed the high turnout to Janeen Sullivan who made a special effort to contact parents of struggling students and encourage parent-teacher conference participation. At the Nome Elementary School, 85 percent of parents showed up to confer with their child's teacher. Keller also encouraged that children be present during those parent/teacher conferences and said that he sat in on one

Big Brothers/Big Sisters: Dr. Keller announced the demise of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in Nome. He said that he hopes that the program will see some more funding and that it would make a comeback.

Collaboration: Teachers spent last Wednesday afternoon in collaboration meetings. The collaboration, Mike Brawner explained, is a new effort to look at data and plan future instruction. Nome-Beltz Principal Steve Gast said the teachers were given data from recent testing and a specific set of questions. For Nome-Beltz teachers, the questions were how to identify strengths and weaknesses of students, how to help pupils who are struggling, as well as how to encourage those who excel in their academics. "This is our first shot at collaboration," Gast said. "We are excited to give teachers a specific task and to hear what they come up with."

NES Principal Dave Keller added that this collaboration day was to create a focused event for teachers. "We planned this collaboration carefully

western Alaska with hurricane-force winds. Brawner said he was impressed with the collaboration with the city and how well organized the city and emergency responders were. He said the level of support provided to the school district was outstanding.

Gast commended the district for making excellent decisions when they called for an early release on Nov. 8. Brawner said that students will have to make up for part of the day, but it was not a hard decision to make. "When you weigh safety or time, then safety of our students is more important," Brawner said.

Awards assembly: Gast said that during a recent awards assembly, 102 Nome-Beltz students were honored for perfect attendance, honor roll and student-of-the-month honors. At the Nome Elementary School, Keller said that 98 students received perfect attendance certificates for the first quarter of the school year, which is up from last year's number of 73 students for first quarter.

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Wrestling and Cheerleading Invitational brings out the best in young athletes



**WRESTLING** – Karlee Katchatag of Unalakleet wrestles her cousin, Henry Katchatag of Shaktoolik at the Junior High Wrestling and Cheerleading Invitational in Unalakleet.

**By Stephen Palmatier**

Last week, the 30th annual Bering Strait School District Elementary and Junior High Wrestling and Cheerleading Invitational took place in Unalakleet where teams from all different surrounding villages flocked to be a part of the tournament. The children, no older than their early teens, made everyone feel as if they were adults with both mental and physical toughness.

In what was a two-day tournament taking up a combined 20 hours of wrestling and cheerleading, children at a young age all around put their bodies on the line in order to try to claim their weight championship and cheer on their local teams. With both elementary and junior high divisions, there were a combined 18 weight classes between the two to earn weight titles.

What was fascinating to watch was the different styles of wrestling with the different weight classes. With the smallest weight class being the elementary 65 pounds, they were faster, tougher to grasp on with their small bodies, while the junior high unlimited weight class was a rough and tough, hold on to each other power fight in which speed played no part whatsoever.

The big winners of the tournament were Savoonga with four championships and even more so, St. Lawrence Island with Gambell having another four titles as well. It was incredible to see villages from an isolated island be as dominant as they were against everyone else.

As for the individual achievements of the classes, the first winner was Caleb Smith of Savoonga winning the Elementary 65 pound weight class. And here's a list of the rest of the winners:

Elementary 70- Joey Tocktoo-Koyuk  
Elementary 75- Joshua Smith- Savoonga  
Elementary 78- Josh Prentice- White Mountain  
Elementary 85- Shannon Apassingok-Gambell  
Elementary 88- Leonard Apangalook-Gambell  
Elementary 93- Nathan Saccheus- Elim  
Elementary 98- Oswald Moses- Golovin  
Elementary 108- Jonathan Avalnun- Gambell  
Elementary 125- Elijah Kulowiye- Savoonga  
Elementary Unlimited- Alaze Waghiyi- Savoonga  
Junior High 89- Jeffrey Slwooko- Gambell  
Junior High 99- Jerome Takak- Elim  
Junior High 109- Ben Otton- Koyuk  
Junior High 118- Sikulik Johnson- Unalakleet  
Junior High 132- Carl Seetok- Brevig Mission  
Junior High 140- Ryan Topkok- Teller  
Junior High Unlimited- Alfred Olanna- Shismaref

Regardless of the champions of each class, what really stood out was the atmosphere of the tournament and every athlete in particular. The Unalakleet gym, which was packed for both days during the tournament, was loud as each village cheered on their athlete along with that team's

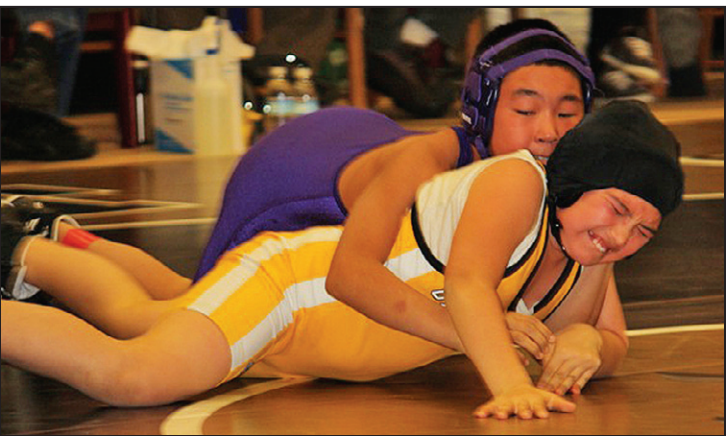


**CHEERLEADERS** – Brevig Mission Huskies Cheerleaders performed at last week's BSSD Wrestling and Cheerleading Invitational.

cheerleaders cheering on their fellow villager. It was an amazing thing for myself to witness the effort that these children put forth at such a young age when we do not think of someone as an athlete yet. This tournament demonstrated the way athletics should be treated by everyone — with heart and will.

A great example of this heart and will came from a girl from St. Michael in the tournament. In what was a tournament that had nearly a dozen female wrestlers, one girl from St. Michael actually broke her collarbone in the semi-final match of her weight class. Throughout the tournament she seemed like one of the better wrestlers out there. However, because of her injury, she had to quit her match and then was not in the final.

Later, during the awards ceremony, they actually announced her as the Junior High Most Outstanding wrestler as she came out with a brace around her shoulder and arm to accept the trophy. It was a great touch and simply put, was a defining image of what that tournament meant to so many of the athletes.



**STRENGTH** – Jewel Wilson of Unalakleet wrestles Oswald Moses of Golovin.



**CLOSE-UP** – Jaysen Haugen, Unalakleet wrestler, bottom, wrestles an unknown opponent.



**PERFORMING** – Golovin Lynx Cheerleaders perform their routine.

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**MARCHING IN—** Led by Nomeite Loren Prosser, Jack Bright, Alexander Brylin and Xhang Ling Xhe braved the cold waters and went for a swim on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

# Swimmers testing the waters for “Meeting of the Sun”

By Diana Haecker

A strange procession of four men clad in nothing more than flipflops and bathing suits, carrying the flags of Alaska, China, Russia and England walked from the Nome Visitor Center, down the seawall to the beach. They ran a short lap along the beach, chanting words to the effect of peace, friendship and cooperation

between countries. Then, just before the sun rose out of the almost frozen Bering Sea, Nome Rotarian Loren Prosser took a deep breath and led Alexander Brylin (Russia), Xhang Ling Xhe (China) and Jack Bright (UK) into the chilly waters for a quick swim. They walked about 50 yards out to sea, and while the swimmers took a dip and paddled around

for about five minutes in 0.5°C (32.9°F) water, Prosser exited the water and quickly got into warm clothes.

The exercise of the swimmers was in preparation of the first intercontinental swimming relay from Russia to Alaska. The three swimmers from China, Russia and England braved the cold Norton Sound to literally

test the waters. The plan is that about 30 participants swim in a relay across the Bering Strait sometime in July or August 2012. The event is titled “Meeting of the Sun” and the project is to further research on the effects of hypothermia on the human body during a day and night swim in the Bering Strait, as well as to strengthen Russian-American ties and friend-

ships between athletes from different countries.

The swim will start at Cape Dezhnev and will take the relay via Big and Little Diomedes to Wales, over a distance of 53 miles.



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**COME, FRIEND—** Loren Prosser, right, holds out his hand to greet Jack Bright as they ceremonially entered the chilly Bering Sea on Tuesday, Nov. 15.



Photo by Diana Haecker

**INTO THE COLD—** Swimmer Jack Bright comes out of the water and onto the frozen beach after a five minute swim in the cold Bering Sea. Bright is part of a group that plans to swim across the Bering Strait next summer.

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and other officers. The excuse was that “AMHS” couldn’t afford the repairs, and now look at all the ships DOT has bought and are not in service and all the docks they have had built in various places; that have not been in use for years.

Also, when the first fast ferry designs were being shown in Juneau, a new officer was being shown the new route she was to use and was told that DOT would be skipping some ports. When the officer asked how these people would be able to get off their islands, someone replied “who cares.” I was “dead-heading” and riding up on the bridge, and he told the other officers that he didn’t want to work for this system.

When the fast ferry, *Fairweather* was on her first run into Sitka, she picked up a “dead head” (log), the size of a basketball and was dead in the water for several hours with several divers trying to chip her out. That was in April in rough weather.

Another time, the *Fairweather* was leaving Skagway in February, in nasty weather, with 164 passengers aboard. She almost did not make it to Juneau (according to the reports of many passengers), as the wind and water tossed her up and down and sideways.

These “fast” ferries are double-hulled catamarans, with very little ballast to hold them down in the water; therefore, the horrendous weather we have in Southeast Alaska, can have “gusts” of wind that will pick these ships up, throw them around and overturn them. The only time they are really safe is when there is no wind and a sunny day. Perfect for the tourists that the administration wants to cater to, but,definitely not for the Alaskans who live here.

There are many other incidents, which should be investigated, regarding the workings of the administration. Don’t take my word for all of this, perhaps check with some of our retired engineers and other officers before we let DOT retire our ships and purchase a fleet of fast ferries for tourism.

One more thing should be considered. How will we get to Juneau from Wrangell? You would have to take a ferry to South Mitkof Island, then drive to Petersburg (\$40 cab fare), ferry across the Wrangell Narrows, take Highway 7 to Kake, catch the ferry to Angoon and then take a ferry to Juneau? Who pays for all these little Shuttle Ferries?

And what about our Bellingham run? We have families here that travel south for medical, service men and women who travel via our ferries to and from Alaska, being transferred here with their families and many go to Kodiak; therefore we need the gulf run also.

Governor Egan had the ferries built and in service for all Alaskans

in 1963, so that “all” of Alaska would have “roads” to and from our small towns and our Native villages, and now administration wants to “wipe out” everything? (Before the ferries we had to “hitch” rides on fishing boats and other small boats to go from town to town. I even remember the Canadian tanker that docked in Skagway letting people hitch rides to Haines and Juneau).

Our ferries are too costly to run, you say? Has everyone in administration forgotten that this is “our highway?”

But, they haven’t forgotten to build and maintain the roads in Interior, have they? And now they want to build another bridge for better access to downtown Anchorage from the Palmer/Wasilla area and widen the highway in that area also?

Well, they seem to forget that Southeastern Alaska is part of Alaska too. We may not be as large as Anchorage and for a long time now, we have been the “forgotten” part of Alaska, so we feel that now is our turn to get the maintenance on our ferries and roads.

As you say, our ferries will last another 14 years, so how about “refurbishing,” the ones we have left? You know, new engines, new everything from the hull up. The United States Navy has stripped their ships down to the bare hull and re-built them completely at nowhere near the cost of buying new ships.

Write or call our governor and our senators and representatives and get some help for us and “our” highway! Jeanne Lindley Wrangell, AK 99929

Dear Editor,

“There’s No Place Like Nome.”

I have been an avid Iditaroder and madly in love with Nome (and her people) for the last 28 years.

My first trip to Nome involved a long (and miserable) trek up Front Street to the Polaris to get some ID in an attempt to pull cash from my credit card because three of us had already gone through \$5,000. When I hit the front desk of the Polaris, I was freezing and steaming mad, all at the same time. Dear old John Knox questioned my dilemma, handed me \$1,000 and told me to send him a check when I got home. WELCOME TO NOME – now that was the true meaning of “There’s No Place Like Nome” – and a testament of the character of the people of Nome.

Everyone is aware that the Iditarod has been dwindling over the years, but so far, the fact has not deterred me from showing up there for the last 28 years for Iditarod. Through the years, I have brought both my kids to Nome and have conned several friends into coming to Nome for a great time and a once in a lifetime wonderful experience. I can only assume that each and every person that attends the Iditarod will make a substantial monetary contribution to your local economy through eating, drinking, sleeping, buying gifts, taxi cabs, flight seeing, snow machines, etc. I sometimes shudder at the thought of the dollars I have left in Nome over the years! But we all have to pay for our fun, one way or another.

Now here we are getting close to another Iditarod and I am personally faced with my own dilemma and a BIG unanswered question.

Why should I even consider buying a plane ticket to Nome, dropping \$1,500 to \$2,000 around town, then have to get up and leave my drink sitting on the bar, put on my boots, hat, coat and gloves to step outside to have a smoke?? Smoking may be a “bad habit,” but it is MY habit and

I do enjoy a smoke while I am having a drink.

For those people who don’t smoke, there is always Airport Pizza to get a bite to eat and a drink. That is their choice. They don’t have to go to a smoking establishment. But at least they do have choice.

Your council members’ recent decisions do not allow me to have a choice. It does not impress me that the “City Council” members have decided to take my choices away from me. Guess I am a low classed citizen that needs someone else (City Council) to make my decisions for me. It is apparent that the local establishments there are having enough financial problems without now taking away a bunch of their business. As for their employees, again, let it be the employee’s choice. If they don’t like smoke, let them get a job at the hospital or in the library. No one is forcing them to work at the local pub that allows

smoking.

Earlier today I was talking with a fellow that had recently passed through Nome. He said he stopped at the Breakers, hoping to find some old friends in there – no luck. It was 5 p.m. and not a single person sitting in that bar. Well of course, he didn’t stick around too long. Wow, that really puts a lot of money through that till—which in turn puts money into the city’s pot. Likewise, the local bartenders are probably noticing a drop in their daily tips as well. This all does have a domino effect on everyone with less money floating around the town. In my opinion, it does not take a rocket scientist to figure this one out!

The reason I come to Nome is for “my” vacation. I love sitting around with the local people, buying each other drinks, smoking my cigarettes, and “chewing the fat.” And to date,

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**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–January 19

You are blessed in many ways this week, Capricorn. Show your gratitude with a little get-together for one and all. An addition changes everything.

**ARIES**  
March 21–April 19

Wonders never cease, as friends you haven't seen in some time drop by for a visit. Welcome them with open arms, Aries, and make plans to do something fun.

**CANCER**  
June 22–July 22

Heartache eases for a friend. Invite them out for a night on the town. Cancer. A tasty family feast fills tummies and puts everyone in good spirits.

**LIBRA**  
September 23–October 22

Moments to yourself are few and far between these days. Don't let it get to you, Libra. Be happy you're so loved. A cherished memento gets a facelift.

**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–February 18

Cheer up, Aquarius. Things could be worse, as you're about to learn with a friend. Life has not been kind to them, but you can be, and it will make you forget about your own problems.

**TAURUS**  
April 20–May 20

This week is all about family, Taurus. Find some time to spend with each and every one, and make sure they know how much they mean to you.

**LEO**  
July 23–August 22

Thanks comes in many forms this week from cards and gifts to gestures of kindness. A career opportunity arises. Jump on it, Leo. It may not come again.

**SCORPIO**  
October 23–November 21

Pst, Scorpio. All is not well at home. Someone is feeling left out. Check your list and make sure everyone has something to do worthwhile.

**PISCES**  
February 19–March 20

A financial investment proves worthwhile, and the dollars start pouring in. Be careful what you do with it, Pisces. A rainy day could be on the horizon.

**GEMINI**  
May 21–June 21

Change is inevitable, Gemini, so roll with the punches and don't look back. Home improvement plans take shape. Make sure you do your homework.

**VIRGO**  
August 23–September 22

Friends may say you are going off the deep end, but come on, Virgo, this is your time to shine. It's ok for you to go all out. Surprises come by the handful over the weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–December 21

Less whining and more thanking, Sagittarius. You are blessed beyond belief. Don't think so? Just take a look at some of the people around you.

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  - Buttonhole
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  - Greek letters
  - Mites
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  - Animal with a mane
  - Cousin of a raccoon
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# Thanksgiving is good for your health

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

There are many aspects of Thanksgiving that make your doctor uneasy. Most of us become sedentary and eat unhealthy portions of fat-laden high-carbohydrate foods often for days following the big meal. These behaviors place increased stress on the health of people already at risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, or cancer.

But there is one aspect of the Thanksgiving holiday that may be good for you: being thankful.

In fact, research suggests that the benefit of gratitude may outweigh



the risk of any other aspect of holiday feasting.

"Thousands of years of literature talk about the benefits of cultivating gratefulness as a virtue," says University of California Davis psychology professor Robert Emmons.

Dr. Emmons is a leading researcher in a field of positive psychology that investigates the effects of optimism on a person's health. He states, "Gratitude research is beginning to suggest that feelings of thankfulness have tremendous positive value in helping people cope with daily problems, especially stress."

Gratitude is a form of optimism. Optimistic people generally have

better health outcomes. They are known to have a stronger immune system. They recover faster from serious illness. They have lower rates of cardiovascular disease. They cope better with mental stress and have lower levels of depression. Some research even shows that positive people live longer.

A Mayo Clinic study published in 2000 showed that pessimistic thinking increases a person's risk of death from any cause by nearly 20 percent. Put bluntly, the benefit of a thankful heart may outweigh the risk of any item in the Thanksgiving dinner.

To be clear, I still believe exercise is important. And I encourage you to go heavy on the vegetables and light on the gravy. Savor the dessert, but consider half-portion. Limit the butter. Eat whole grains. Stop smoking. By all means be healthy.

But remember that Thanksgiving is about something more important than mere physical health. It is a time, traditionally following the harvest, when Americans pause with family and friends to reflect on things in our life that are good, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, or worthy of praise.

Medical science recognizes that gratitude is a part of a well-rounded healthy life. So if I have a prescriptive recommendation for you this season it is this: when sitting around the table this holiday, take time to be thankful.

## Saying it Sincerely

**"Enter His Presence!"  
Pastor Mike Christian, Jr. River of Life Assembly of God  
Member of the Nome Ministerial Association**

*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he, who has made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." ~ Psalm 100 ~*

How fulfilling is your prayer life? Do you feel you're really making contact with God in heaven or do you feel disconnected?

One of the greatest Psalms in the Bible is Psalm 100! Within it, we can see the steps we should take when entering into the Lord's presence.

- *"Worship the Lord with Gladness!"* We must first be in an attitude of "Worship" that is accompanied by "Gladness." Our hearts and souls need to already be prepared to enter into the holy presence of our holy Lord and God. We need to be "Joyful" when we come into his presence. Can you imagine how boring it must be for God to listen to people who continuously mumble their prayers? Lift up your voice, bless the Lord, and exalt him! Worship him with gladness!
- *"Come before him with joyful songs!"* As we enter into the Lord's presence, we should begin singing a love song to him. You and I have been created to "Worship" the Lord with every part of our being. As we sing praises to the Lord, he will *"inhabit the praises of his people,"* and his heart will be filled with love, compassion and mercy towards us.
- *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving!"* Learn how to *"thank God!"* Our hearts need to be filled with gratitude for the blessings God has given us. We must learn to express our appreciation for his blessings without being inhibited by those who surround us. He is worthy of all praise! As we begin to express our *"thanks"* openly to him, the Lord will not only hear our prayers, he will also answer our prayers.
- *"Enter his courts with praise!"* Begin to tell God how wonderful he truly is to you. Articulate your feelings towards God with your lips. There is true *"power in praise!"* Our souls should constantly cry out to the Lord with praise!
- *"Give thanks to him and praise his name!"* You and I have countless things to praise God for – so lift your voice and give him *"thanks"* and *"praise his name!"*

So, as we consider all the blessings the Lord has given us through this past year, may we truly be a *"thankful"* people. As we follow these steps, our prayers will come before the Lord in a beautiful presentation of *"worship, praise, and thanks"* that will surely touch his heart. By this, we can know that our prayers are being heard.

*May the Lord bless and keep you in his mighty hand!*



### COAT DRIVE

**Do you have any coats collecting dust in your closet or storage?**  
That's the question posed by folks concerned about keeping people warm this time of year.

There will be a **Coat-Give-Away day Saturday, November 26**, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at Fifth Ave. and Bering Street. There is a special emphasis on children- and youth-size winter coats, but any coat donations will be appreciated.

Bring your slightly-used coats to the church Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or call 443-5295 for other hours. Any coats that are not given away on November 26 will be given to the Methodist Thrift Shop or other organizations in need.

## Church Services Directory

- Bible Baptist Church**  
443-2144  
Sunday School: 10 a.m./Worship: 11 a.m.
- Community Baptist Church-SBC**  
108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Bruce Landry  
Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
- Community United Methodist**  
West 2nd Ave • 443-2865  
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.  
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thrift Shop Tuesday & Thursday: 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Nome Covenant Church**  
101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey  
Sunday: School 10 a.m./Worship 11 a.m.  
Wednesday: Youth Group 7 p.m. (call 443-7218 for location)  
Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295  
Sunday: School 9:45 am/Worship 11 a.m.  
Handicapped accessible ramp: North side
- River of Life Assembly of God**  
443-5333  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m./Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Sunday Youth Meeting: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Service: 7 p.m.
- St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
Corner of Steadman & King Place • 443-5527  
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.
- Seventh-Day Adventist**  
Icy View • 443-5137  
Saturday Sabbath School: 10 a.m.  
Saturday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.
- Nome Church of Nazarene**  
3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-2805  
Sunday Prayer Meeting: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. & Worship Service: 11 a.m.

# PIGSKIN PICKS 2011

## Week Twelve

### Thursday, Nov. 24

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### Monday, Nov. 28

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It's easy to win! Simply fill out the form at the left and drop it in the entry box at Nome Trading Company. Pick the most winners & you'll win a \$25 Gift Certificate redeemable at Nome Trading Company. Each week, all entrants who pick at least ½ of the games correctly will be qualified for the grand prize drawing of a

**\$500**  
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Nome Trading Co.

A drawing will be held to determine the weekly winner in the event of a tie. Listen to the Breakfast Club at 8:20 AM on KICY AM-850 and Up & At 'Em on ICY 100.3 each Thursday to learn who won the Pigskin Picks of the week and who's qualified for the drawing!

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Phone, Fax or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*One entry per person per week, please.*

Enter your Picks by Wednesday, November 23rd.

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## Employment

### NOTICE OF JOB VACANCY POSITION DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: **Transportation Specialist/Planner**  
POSITION STATUS: Regular, Full-time  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
SALARY: DOE (\$40,000- \$60,000)  
REPORTS TO: King Island Native Community IRA Council

CLOSES: Open Until Filled

The Transportation Specialist is responsible for the planning, development, management, and implementation of the Transportation Program. BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

- Design plans and develops specifications and obtains engineer's estimates for transportation infrastructure projects to meet appropriate guidelines and standards for submittal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Federal Lands Highways and other appropriate agencies.
- Prepare all federal reports, and KINC reports as required in a timely manner.
- Responsible for overseeing and directing all phases of multiple transportation project plans from project conception through implementation and close-out.
- Project planning to determine if current/future projects are to be administered by force account construction or through contracts for construction services, or a combination of both.
- Work with potential Construction Manager's, Engineer's to establish RFP and contracts for services and assure compliance of construction contracts.
- Consult with Construction Manager/Engineer to plan and acquire equipment and materials needed to construct program funded projects; create actual cost project budgets, assess equipment pool and staffing needs list for each project and maintenance management system for all acquired equipment.
- Assure that all permits and respective authorization for construction of projects are acquired and completed.
- Work with IRA Council to update, maintain and implement Long Range Transportation Plans and develop and implement Long Range Transportation Plan with partners/agencies.
- Ensure transportation infrastructure projects are

annually programmed into the regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) plan and the BIA inventory and control schedule.

- Maintain a high level of communication with IRA Council and government agencies that have programmed other projects in our area.
- Work with appropriate partners (BIA, AKDOT, FHWA, Tribe, City, etc) in developing agreements for additional funding and leveraging resources on construction projects.
- Responsible for overall financial management of the Transportation Program including developing, monitoring and proposing amendments to the program budgets, and oversight and authorization of expenditures in accordance with the OMB Circular A-122, IRR regulations and/or appropriate grant agency guidelines.
- Prepares financial and narrative program progress reports for review and approval for submittal by the IRA Council to appropriate program funding sources.

This position is expected to occasionally attend evening meetings or meetings out of town which require travel during evenings, weekends and holidays. Other duties as assigned by the King Island Native Community IRA Council.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in road/transportation project scoping, project development including cost engineering, scheduling, permitting and clearances and project construction management.
- Engineering degree strongly preferred.
- Thorough knowledge of theories, principals, practices and techniques of highway engineering necessary to design and construct Alaska transportation infrastructure projects.
- Four years experience in contract management.
- Four years supervisory experience.
- Must possess computer knowledge in the development of spreadsheets, word processing, and Internet/e-mail and willingness to obtain skills in computer-aided drafting, GIS.
- Strong written and oral communication skills; must be able to conduct public meetings.
- Must be willing to travel.
- Ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds.

- Prefer knowledge of the Bering Straits Region and its people.
- Prefer knowledge of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservation Roads Program regulations and FHWA.

Requirements:  
Native Preference per Public Law 93-638 Applied (11/5/07)

Contact King Island Native Community @ 443-2209 for an application and more information regarding this position. Or email at jknowlton@kawerak.org

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**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation is seeking:**

### Community Development Coordinator in Nome.

This position will be responsible for promoting in-region community development and facilitating community outreach while assisting with the administration of Community Benefits Department programs. Undergraduate degree from an accredited university is required or year for year applicable experience can be substituted for degree requirement. At least two years applicable work experience is required. **\*\*Closing Date is December 2, 2011\*\***

**Office Manager for the Norton Sound Seafood Center in Nome.** This position will work closely with the HR and Accounting Departments and is responsible for processing all new hire paperwork for NSSP, maintaining fish ticketing, working with fishermen in the distribution of various applications and paperwork, retail ordering, and office and retail operations. At least 1 year of retail and customer service experience and 6 months supervisory experience and a current Alaska driver's license required. **\*\*Closing Date is Open Until Filled\*\***

**NSEDC has competitive wages and an excellent benefits program!** For an application or a complete job description, please go to [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or contact Tiffany Martinson, Human Resources Director at 907-443-2477 or [tiffany@nsedc.com](mailto:tiffany@nsedc.com)

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## Seawall

11/15

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11/16

A Nome juvenile received a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol.

11/17

Kevin Ozenna, 19, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

11/18

Lorraine Saccheus, 26, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Disorderly Conduct and Reckless Endangerment.

11/20

Ernest Butler, 29, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for Violating Conditions of Probation.

11/21

Shantah Esparza, 24, was arrested and remanded to AMCC for an Arrest Warrant.

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

## Trooper Beat

On November 10, Nome WAANT completed an investigation that was forwarded from Era Alaska in Unalakleet, on October 13. Era Alaska sent two boxes of alcohol that were not properly marked for shipment from Anchorage to Unalakleet. Investigation revealed that one of the boxes headed to an adult native male in Unalakleet did not have the alcohol receipt attached or the two-inch alcohol lettering on the box. The alcohol, three 750ml bottles of vodka, one 750ml bottle of rum and one 1liter bottle of peach vodka, was seized as evidence and the charges will be forwarded to OSPA. Unalakleet is a damp village that voted to ban the sale of alcohol, effective 5/1/92.

On November 13, at 12:30 p.m., Stanley Oxereok, 51, of Wales, was arrested with a warrant for failure to appear at court. Oxereok was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center.

On November 15, Nome WAANT received a tip that Hazel Kakaruk, 30, was traveling to Teller with alcohol. Incident to contact, eight 750ml bottles and one 1liter bottle of alcohol were seized from her luggage. She was an airline employee and was arrested, transported, and booked into AMCC. Teller is a local option community that voted to ban the sale of alcohol, effective January 14, 1998. Kakaruk's 11 boxes of luggage had no alcohol stickers or alcohol receipts attached.

On November 15, Nome WAANT contacted an adult native female, 21, of Gambell, at a local air carrier. Incident to contact, seven 750ml bottles of whiskey and six 12 fl oz bottles of beer were seized from her luggage. She was allowed to travel. Gambell is a local option community that voted to ban the sale, importation and possession of alcohol, effective September 1, 1981 and January 1, 1987.

On November 16, at 6:36 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers received report of an intoxicated person creating a disturbance in Savoonga. Orlan Wongititlin, 35, of Savoonga, was subsequently arrested for Criminal Trespass 2 and Assault 4.

On November 18, at 1:00 p.m., AST arrested Joseph Fagundes, 20, of White Mountain, for probation violation. Fagundes was remanded to AMCC.

On November 18, at 1:30 p.m., AST arrested Shane Bergamaschi, 20, of White Mountain, for probation violation. Bergamaschi was remanded to AMCC.

## Real Estate

### MUNAQSRI Senior Apartments • "A Caring Place"

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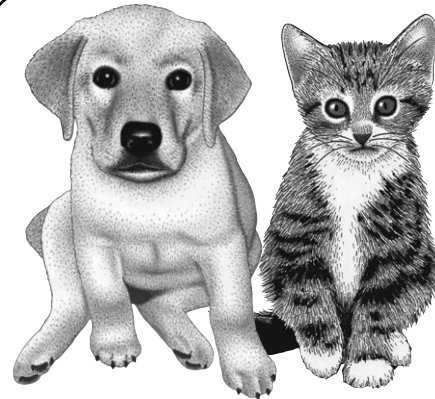
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**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet**  
**443-5212 or 443-5262**

## Legals

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

F-22853

### Alaska Native Claims Selection Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance

As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management will issue an appealable decision to Bering Straits Native Corporation. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The lands are located east of Teller, Alaska, and contain 47.87 acres. Notice of the decision was published in the Federal Register on November 1, 2011.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until **December 1, 2011** to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.
3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

A copy of the decision may be obtained from:

Bureau of Land Management  
Alaska State Office

222 West Seventh Avenue, #13

Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504

For further information, contact the Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov), or by telecommunication device (TTD) through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

/s/

Dina L. Torres

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist

Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch

Copy furnished to:

Public Information Center (954C)

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### Notice of licenses transfer

KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. has applied to the Federal Communications Commission for a transfer of the 780 kilo hertz KNOM AM and 96.1 mega hertz KNOM FM licenses, along with all ancillary radio frequency licenses from the Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska to KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. of Nome, Alaska.

The KNOM Radio Mission, Inc. officers and directors include: Father Ross Tozzi, Annie Blandford, Robert Froehle, Florence Busch, Dr. Paul Korchin, Dennis Bookee and Kevin Fimon.

The application for transfer of the radio licenses was filed on November 8th, 2011 and a copy of the application is available for public review at the KNOM studios located at 107 East Third Avenue in Nome, Alaska.

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**Deputy Clerk II**  
**Alaska Court System**  
**Nome, Alaska**  
**\$3,813.00 Monthly**  
**Closing Date: December 5, 2011**

The Alaska Court System (ACS) is recruiting for a Deputy Clerk II for the Nome Trial Courts. The selected applicant will serve as an assistant criminal clerk, with back-up duties to the front counter and in-court clerks.

**How to Apply / For More Information:** Qualified applicants must submit an Applicant Profile and Job Qualification Summary Form through the State of Alaska's job posting system, Workplace Alaska at <http://workplace.alaska.gov>. For more information, contact the Alaska Court System Human Resources Department at [recruitment@courts.state.ak.us](mailto:recruitment@courts.state.ak.us) or 907-264-8242.

**The Alaska Court System is an equal employment opportunity employer and supports workplace diversity.**

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**Arctic ICANS —**  
*A nonprofit cancer survivor support group.*

**Arctic ICANS next meeting**

The Nome Cancer support group will meet at the XYZ Center on

**Thursday, December 1 • 7:30 p.m.**

*General Meeting*

For more information call 443-5726.



• More Letters

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I have no complaints about my contacts to bring home fresh Nome crab. And when all else fails, there is Norton Sound Seafoods that can take my credit card.

Is there a snowball's chance in hell that this no smoking ban could possibly be reversed to allow Nome to remain Nome and be deserving of their motto of "There's No Place Lie Nome"? I am in the process of making my travel plans for this winter/spring, and I would love to make 2012 my 29th consecutive Iditarod. I was shooting for a 30-year record/goal. But again, I cannot justify spending that kind of money to sit there and be miserable. I can stay home, save my \$2,000 rather than spreading it around Nome, drink from my own liquor cabinet or hit the local pub here and enjoy my cigarette with it.

In May, 2002, I ran into Larry

(Cowboy) Smith in Anaheim Lake, B.C. I was talking about Nome being the "Party Capital of the World." An argument ensued, and Larry (the world traveler that he is) ended the conversation with—

No, Australia is the "Party Capital of the World" but—

Nome is the "Party Capital of the North American continent."

Is there anything you folks could do to insure that Nome remains Nome? Nome is so full of rich history, life, beautiful fun loving people, etc. It is totally sickening to think that Nome is going to cower down (or has cowered down) and be-

come just another Anchorage, Seattle, New York, Chicago, L.A., etc. I am a firm believer that if you don't like things the way they are here, why don't you go live in Chicago or L.A. or Seattle with all their rules and regulations—i.e., let someone else decide for you what you want and what you need and how you should live your life. I find it simply appalling that the people of Nome would even consider changing anything about Nome.

Reminds me of a news flash I caught a few days ago—I think it was in France where they are now banning catsup—all because some-

one has decided it is not good for you!

Good Lord, what is this world coming to? And now it is happening in Nome! God help us all. This is no longer America, the land of the free.

Sincerely,  
Judy S. Lane  
Wasilla, AK 99687

• Legals

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Nome Eskimo Community is requesting written, lump-sum, fixed price proposals from qualified licensed and insured contractors for the plumbing repair work in a residential home located in Icy View. Nome Eskimo Community will accept written proposals until 12:00 p.m. (noon) local time, on Monday, December 5, 2011. Proposals should be submitted to:

Nome Eskimo Community  
Attn: Denise Barengo  
P.O. Box 1090  
200 West 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Nome, AK 99762

IFB and all required forms, wage determinations, proposal rating factors and other information may be obtained from the NEC Housing office.

A site visit is recommended. Each contractor should visit the project site for a clear understanding of the scope of work prior to submitting a proposal. Site visits may be arranged by contacting NEC, at least 24 hours in advance.

For additional information regarding this IFB, contact Glen Parady, at (907) 443-9105. 11/24;12/1

**King Island  
Native Community  
Annual Meeting  
and Election  
December 10, 2011**



**ELECTION:**

In order to run for one of the four available Council seats, you must qualify to be a candidate under Election Ordinance 11-01 and submit a Declaration of Candidacy form to Janice Knowlton at the KINC Office by **4:30pm on December 1, 2011.**

**Voting will take place at the Pioneer Igloo from 10am - 6pm.**

The **POTLUCK** will begin at 12pm with the **ANNUAL MEETING** following at 1pm.

**PLEASE VOTE AND ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING!**  
We need your participation to make this election and annual meeting a success!

Please call Janice @ 443-2209 if you have any questions about the meeting, potluck, election, or rides for Elders.

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Materials installed to increase the energy efficiency of your home. Income guidelines determine eligibility. Families with elderly, disabled and young children (under 6 years old) will receive priority preference.

- You will need to provide copies of:**
- 2010 W-2s and 1099s for all family wage earners
  - 2010 Income Tax (pages 1 & 2)
  - 2011 Year-To-Date check stubs
  - Energy Assistance Letter of Eligibility
  - Social Security, SSI, etc (or bank statement with direct deposit)

**Contact Nome Eskimo Community Housing**  
**(907)443-9105**  
**for an application / information**

**DEADLINE FOR 2012 PROJECTS IS FEBRUARY 10, 2012**



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**NOME JOINT UTILITY SYSTEM**

**As of Monday, November 28, our Customer Service Office will relocate from City Hall to the BSNC ("Old Federal") Building, 112 Front Street, Suite 110**

**Open Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm (907) 443-6310**

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## Court

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Hafner, Robert J. vs. Ahgupuk, Irene; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte with Children Minor Party vs. Minor Party; Domestic Violence: Ex Parte Without Children  
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J.G. Wentworth Originations, LLC vs. Pete, Jeremiah; Structured Settlement - Superior Court  
**Small Claims**  
No current Small Claims on file  
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State of Alaska v. Justina Weyanna (2/1/92); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat offense; Date of offense: 10/9/11; Fine \$1000.00 with \$500.00 suspended; Unsuspended \$500.00 to be paid to the court 1/30/12; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Other: Defendant is ordered to pay \$10 surcharge as well by 1/31/12; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).  
State of Alaska v. Malakye Viner (7/3/94); Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; First offense; Date of offense: 9/13/11; Fine \$400.00 with \$200.00 suspended; Unsuspended \$200.00 to be paid to the court 11/30/11; Other: Defendant is ordered to pay \$10 surcharge as well; Probation until 21-years old; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.051(b).  
State of Alaska v. Denise Curtis (6/17/76); Count 003: Resisting Arrest; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: counts 1, 2 (001, 002); 180 days, 180 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/16/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.  
State of Alaska v. George Minix (3/12/60); Assault 4°; DV; 300 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 120 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/15/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Shall not have any alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.

State of Alaska v. Daniel G. Ahmasuak (3/25/83); 2NO-10-225CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.  
State of Alaska v. Daniel G. Ahmasuak (3/25/83); 2NO-11-618CR Count 001: Assault 4°; DV; Any appearance or performance bond is exonerated; 210 days, 180 days suspended; Unsuspended 30 days shall be served with defendant remanded to AMCC, consecutive to 2NO-10-225CR; Immediate time accounting requested; Jail Surcharge: \$150 with \$100 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$50 within 10 days to: AGs Collections Unit, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/15/13; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law, assaultive or disorderly conduct, or domestic violence; Shall nor possess or consume alcohol, nor have alcohol in his residence, nor enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.  
State of Alaska v. Cecelia Iyapana (8/14/92); 2NO-11-504CR Notice of Dismissal; Charge 001: MCA; Filed by the DAs Office 11/16/11.  
State of Alaska v. Cecelia Iyapana (8/14/92); 2NO-11-538CR Count 001: Harassment 2°; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: count 2 (002); 90 days, 90 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/16/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol; Subject to warrantless breath testing at the request of any peace officer upon reasonable suspicion.  
State of Alaska v. Cecelia Iyapana (8/14/92); 2NO-11-538CR Count 003: Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21; Repeat offense; Date of offense: 8/27/11; Fine \$1000.00 with \$500.00 suspended; Unsuspended \$500.00 to be paid to the court 12/15/11; License: Driver's license or privilege to apply for one is revoked for 90 days; Community Work Service: Within 120 days, complete 48 hours community work service and give the clerk of court proof of completion on the form provided by the clerk; Probation until 11/16/12; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages.  
State of Alaska v. Melissa Dawn Kava (12/19/79); Importation of Alcohol; 180 days, 160 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 days shall be served with defendant reporting 7:45 a.m., 11/25/11 Anchorage, Cordova Center; Fine: \$6,000.00 with \$3,000.00 suspended; Shall pay unsuspended \$3,000.00 through Nome Trial Courts by 12/1/12; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/16/16; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess or consume alcohol in any dry or damp community; Subject to warrantless breath test-

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State of Alaska v. Ronald Ozenna Sr. (6/18/54); Criminal Trespass 1°; 30 days, 30 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months, to 5/16/12; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not return to the residence at 302 K St., Nome.  
State of Alaska v. Joseph Bond (12/22/72); Misconduct Involving Controlled Substance 6°; Date of offense: 7/15/11; Binding Plea Agreement; Forfeit marijuana to State; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation for 6 months (5/14/12); Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Shall commit no violations of law.  
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State of Alaska v. Candice Auliye (7/24/82); Count 001: Disorderly Conduct; CTN Chrgs Dismissed by State: CTN 002; 10 days, 10 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 11/2/12; Shall commit no violations of law.  
State of Alaska v. Benjirmen Kilgore (6/3/83); Dismissal of Court II only; Count II: Driving Without a License; Filed by the DAs Office 11/15/11.  
State of Alaska v. Brendan Oseuk (7/28/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 110129571; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: all remaining time.

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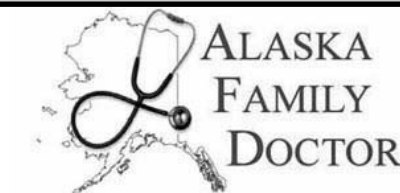
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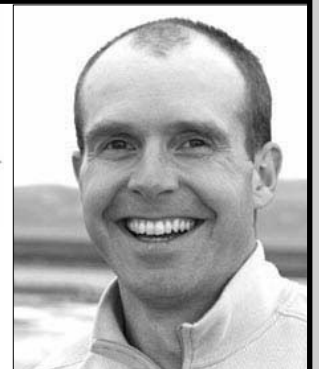
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# North Slope borough spearheads effort to get more funding for seal disease research

By Diana Haecker

The Wildlife Department of the North Slope Borough and a host of collaborators submitted paperwork to the federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Monday, formally requesting the declaration of an “unusual mortality event” associated with the mysterious sickness that afflicts predominantly ringed and spotted seals.

The declaration of such an unusual mortality event would provide a chance for more funding to study what is going on with the mysterious sickness that manifests in hair loss, skin sores and lesions on face and between flippers in the seals.

Pathologists performing necropsies on seal bodies afflicted by the disease still have no conclusive explanation for the cause of it. North Slope Borough wildlife veterinarian and research biologist Raphaela Stimmelmayer confirmed that there have been no conclusive findings at the moment. “Testing for viral agents have been inconclusive,” Stimmelmayer said. “Diagnostic investigations into other possible causes including man-made and bio-toxins, contaminants, radiation exposure and environmental factors are ongoing,” Stimmelmayer said.

The North Slope Borough’s wildlife management department took the lead in preparing the application packet for the declaration of an unusual mortality event. Collaborators included the federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife agency, NOAA and the Stranded Marine Mammals network program with the National Marine Fisheries Service, Gay Sheffield with the UAF Marine Advisory Program in Nome, pathologist Kathy Burek and Steven Raverty with the Canadian Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans.

NOAA spokeswoman Julie Speegle said that an unusual mortality event declaration would free up more money to investigate the event. The paperwork requesting the unusual mortality event declaration, UME for short, will be reviewed by the Working Group on Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events, which is part of the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program.

The working group was established in 1991 by the National Marine Fisheries Service in response to large numbers of marine mammal deaths in the late 1980s involving humpback whales, bottlenose dolphins and the Exxon Valdez oil spill. The working group’s role is to determine if an unusual mortality event is in fact occurring and to help direct the response and investigation. The last declared unusual mortality event was issued this year for the deaths of 146 harbor seals in New England.

Asked if the disease also affects walrus that were seen with skin lesions, Stimmelmayer said, “Nobody knows. We do not know if there is a relationship between the skin sores seen on walrus and the symptoms observed on seals.”

Prior to the recent fierce winter

storm that hit Northwestern Alaska, a few seals were hauled out on ice pans in the middle of the Snake River near the small boat harbor in Nome. Nome’s Charlie Lean observed one of the seals being lethargic with obvious sores on its body. Lean said the seal didn’t move for 18 hours, but it was hard to get to as it was surrounded by still open water. Lean also said that after the storm, he found a dead spotted seal. He also found one dead ribbon seal washed ashore on West Beach, just before the mouth of the Penny River, but didn’t see any of the symptoms of the mystery disease.

The agencies are collecting any carcasses when found and ship samples out for analysis. The samples from the Bering Strait region are also tested for presence of radio nuclides.

Gay Sheffield with the Marine Advisory Program at UAF Northwest Campus in Nome just returned from Gambell and had traveled to Shishmaref to get a better understanding of the occurrence of the diseased seals. “It’s in all three species, ringed, spotted and bearded seals,” Sheffield said.

She said that she is impressed with the hunters of Shishmaref, Wales and Gambell who turned in a ringed and a spotted seal that showed symptoms. “Because people called right away, we got very good samples of this disease,” Sheffield said. “People are helpful and vigilant in their observations and that’s the kind of teamwork we need to solve this.” Sheffield encourages the public to keep calling in and reporting seals that look ill and show signs of the disease.

Although hunters report high numbers of healthy seals available for harvest, the uncertainty of the cause of the disease unsettles subsistence communities who depend on seals for food.

The question if there is a mechanism in place that would set in motion state or federal help in case that a subsistence disaster strikes, has been met with long silences. The most conclusive answer came from Scott Ruby, director of the Division of Community and Regional Affairs in the State Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. Ruby said that there is currently no state statute in place to deal with subsistence emergencies. Disaster declarations mostly concern events like storms or other natural disasters. But there is a provision to declare economic disasters as a failed fish run, for example, or a diseased population of seals could create an economic problem.

## Radiation?

While many speculated that the nuclear meltdown at the power plant in Japan in March may have triggered the event, Jeremy Zidek with the State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services said that radiation monitors only saw a miniscule bump in gamma radia-

tion exposure. “There was nothing that would be of concern. It wasn’t even an increase of one percent of normal background radiation for a very short amount of time,” Zidek said. But these were only radiation measurements taken from the air, not the water.

The EPA had installed an air radiation monitor at the Nome Public Safety building, but the device was removed in May. The EPA has not returned requests for an explanation of the removal by press time.

The publication Seafood.com reports in an article that debris that was swept out to sea after the horrendous tsunami following the March earthquake in Japan would arrive at North American shores earlier than expected. Computer models tracking ocean debris predict that the first items could show up on the west coast and British Columbia very soon. The main field of the expected 20-million-ton debris field is expected in 2013 or 2014.

While the debris itself is not of concern to wildlife biologists dealing with the seal disease, the tracking of radiation is. And as debris moves, so could radiation-contaminated water. Mark Johnson, professor for Physical Oceanography with the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences said it would take very sophisticated technology to tackle the tracking of debris and also the possibility of radiation.

“How much of the radiation has

been diluted remains an open question,” Johnson said. He said that it is theoretically possible that there is contaminated water and that it is a valid concern as the food chain may indeed have been contaminated with radiation.

Johnson said that one couldn’t rule out that these sick animals have been eating contaminated fish. “This is a very complicated discussion that requires very sophisticated computer models and technology,” Johnson said. “We would have to look at the dilution factor, the time frame and the several pathways to come up with an answer.” He added that most researchers can’t stop what they’re doing to focus on research that may shed a light on radiation exposure in the waterways, as interesting and urgent as this may be. But decisive action from political leaders in Congress could free up money to let scientists tackle the problem and find the source of the mystery disease.

Senator Lisa Murkowski’s spokesman Matt Felling said that the Senator is following the issue and said that the disease in ice seals was a motivating factor to start up the Oceans Caucus. “There are things happening in our seas – valuable components of our ecosystem and economy – that we cannot understand or explain,” Felling wrote in an email correspondence with *The Nome Nugget*. “We know more about outer space than we do our seas, despite the clear impacts that our marine life and environment

have on us.”

According to spokeswoman Julie Hasquet, Senator Mark Begich is aware of the seal disease, but the matter has not come up at last week’s meeting of the Oceans Subcommittee, of which Begich and Sen. Lisa Murkowski are members. Hasquet said that Begich has asked about monitoring and research needs. “But current budget constraints are an issue,” Hasquet said.

The tsunami debris matter did come up in the oceans subcommittee. “A marine debris reauthorization bill was amended to respond to severe debris events such as that generated by the tsunami, within existing budget levels – that would call for a reprioritization of existing funds,” said Hasquet. The bill is now pending before the full Senate.

To report sick or stranded animals, call the following contacts: NMFS Alaska marine mammal stranding hotline 1-877-925-7773. Barrow, Wainwright: North Slope Borough Division of Wildlife Management (907) 852-0350 ; Nome: Marine Advisory Program/UAF-Northwest Campus at (907) 443-2397; Alaska Department of Fish and Game (907) 443-2271; The Eskimo Walrus Commission at (907) 443-4380 or 1-877-277-4392



Photo by Gay Sheffield, UAF Marine Advisory Program

**ALMOST BALD—** This female sub-adult ringed seal taken in Shishmaref has almost no hair left on her body.



Photo courtesy of Bessi Sinnok

**HAIR LOSS—** This spotted seal, taken in Shishmaref, shows severe hair loss on its back.

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