



Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

**MOUNTAIN LOOP**— The fastest wave of junior high boys heads out on the 3.9-kilometer skate ski course on Thursday during the 38th Annual Bering Strait School District Ski and Biathlon Championships. Nome's Tobin Hobbs, 130, went on to win the race. Ben Homekingkeo of Koyuk, 141, came back on Friday to win the junior high boys 5.4-kilometer biathlon.

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## Common Council blocks rate increase at Port of Nome

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council had three action items on its meeting agenda March 28 that the panel hashed over at length with benefit of a vocal public audience.

Council members voted to approve language in a revised tariff at Port of Nome for the upcoming season, but deleted its 10-percent

across-the-board rate increase.

The Nome Port Commission revised the tariff and advocated the price increase to restore a contingency fund for maintenance and unexpected expenses. The advisory group approved the document Feb. 18 and passed it on to the council for its approval.

Nothing doing, said community

business people, fishers and miners, who took the podium to urge the council not to approve the price increase that they said would cause consumer prices to go up and put a burden on businesses.

Port Commissioner Charles Lean spoke to the need for a price increase. Lack of a reserve fund would curtail the possibility to get grants

and meet the expenses of maintenance revisions and repairs, he said. The 10 percent increase was proposed to create a rainy day fund for up coming needs

"It is important to have that," Lean said, going down a list of repairs starting with rip-rap. If the port did not have a rainy day fund for unexpected expenses, the city would have to raise money by sales tax, property tax or some emergency tax, Lean said. The port would want to raise funds over time or be faced with unexpected and uncovered costs, "get clobbered between the eyes by a two-by-four," Lean observed.

Joy Baker, port director, also pushed for the increase to produce a reserve fund as a safety net. A fuel line valve had to be replaced at a cost of \$80,000. If another valve failed, \$70,000 to \$80,000 would have to come out of operations money.

Julie Liew, City of Nome finance director, also underlined the need, saying that a previous reserve account had been tapped for high mast lights, LED lights in 2013. Savings had been drawn down over the past five years, she said, for improvements.

And, how would the port fund upcoming repairs on the seawall, and

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Photo by Janice Dougherty

**WINNER**— Kotzebue musher Paul Hansen approaches the finish line on Sunday evening, winning the Nome-Council 200 sled dog race in a time of 32 hours and six minutes.

## Two mushers complete stormy Nome-Council 200 dog race

By Maisie Thomas

At 10 a.m. sharp, the calm of Saturday's blue skies was shattered by the barking of dogs and the pandemonium that ensued as four dog teams leaped, en masse, off the starting line of the Nome Kennel Club's Nome-Council 200 race.

Three Nome mushers, Diana

Haecker, Stephanie Johnson and Reese Madden, took on the hard packed, fast trail. Paul Hansen traveled from Kotzebue with 12 dogs to compete as well.

The 200-mile race counts as an Iditarod qualifier, which is why Hansen made the journey with help from his sponsor Bering Air.

Teams traveled on the Iditarod trail until just before White Mountain, where they turned north and headed to Council. Mushers were required to have taken a 10-hour rest either at Topkok or Council by the time they left Council. The rest time was increased from six hours mandatory rest last year.

The calm weather at the start line in Nome on Saturday was deceptive. Calm and near perfect conditions prevailed from Nome to Solomon, about 30 miles into the race. Then things changed dramatically as

winds kicked up significantly from Solomon, through the infamous blowhole, Topkok and even worsening in the Topkok hills, all the way to Council.

"The way out was challenging," Hansen said. Once Hansen and his team crossed Cape Nome, he saw a big cloud of blowing snow ahead that they had to "struggle through." Sleds were pushed off the trail by the strong east wind. "We bounced off of every Iditarod post out there," Hansen said. Both he and Haecker said they were blown into trail markers and tripods that mark the Iditarod trail. "We were left standing, one tripod wasn't," Haecker recounted.

The blowing snow formed drifts on the trail, making it challenging for teams to fight against the wind and through deep snowdrifts. Hansen said that, training in Kotzebue, his

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## Nome hosts sustainable Arctic development workshop

By Maisie Thomas

Members of the Arctic-FROST Steering Committee visited Nome early last week, hosting a workshop entitled "Sustainability that Works in the Arctic: Sharing Challenges and Experiences of Arctic Communities on the Path to Sustainable Development."

According to Andrey Petrov, one of the project's leaders and a professor of geography and geospatial technology at the University of Northern Iowa, sustainable development improves human well-being and health, while preserving ecosystem structures and functions. Indigenous community members from throughout the Arctic, including

Canada, Russia and Alaska were invited to Nome for the workshop

In 2013, Petrov applied for a grant from the National Science Foundation to start the program, officially titled Arctic-FROST, an acronym for Arctic Frontiers of Sustainability: Resources, Societies, Environments and Development in the Changing North. "In recent decades Arctic communities [have] experienced dramatic economic, social and cultural transformations, as well as rapid environmental change," Petrov wrote in an email to The Nome Nugget. The program examines why some communities thrive in the

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Photo by Maisie Thomas

**ACTIVIST**— Pavel Sulyandziga, a Russian indigenous rights activist of the Udege tribe, visited Nome last week on behalf of Arctic-FROST.

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Letters

Dear Editor,  
I recently read "Nanooks Varsity Wraps Up Season in Triumphant Fashion" in your newspaper. I was one of the middle school basketball players from Unalakleet who went to Nome and I enjoyed the trip, and I also enjoyed the article.

The weekend was good for both the Unalakleet WolfPack and the Nome Nanooks. The Unalakleet WolfPack put up a fight against the Nome Nanooks during that weekend. I say that because the score for the first game was 55-53 Nanooks, and the second game's score was 64-61 Nanooks.

When the Nome girls came to Unalakleet the crowd was excited to watch the games because the Nome coach is from Unalakleet. The games were indeed exciting and Nome came out both nights.

When the junior high Unalakleet team went to Nome they enjoyed their two days in there. The junior high team was led by Aiden Ivanoff's 48 points. The second night wasn't any different with the WolfPack yet again leading with Aiden's 36 points.

It was a good last two games of the season for both of the teams.  
Sincerely,  
Donovan Cooper  
7th Grade  
Unalakleet, AK

Dear Editor,  
I read "Nome Public School District Braces for Tough Financial Times" in your newspaper. I was surprised to read that your school district is having tough financial times and I hope that your district will use their funds carefully.

There might be people who think "we need to use our money for other things," but if the money is running low it should be used for the school before other things. I agree with them they will need to use money for other things but they should focus on the bigger part of the problem which is that they need to find a way to get more money from Juneau and the city of Nome.

Still others might say that there isn't that big of a problem, but there is actually. Education is important

because students that go to the school need to learn how to do math skills, grammar, science, history, and other things that could be reflect on life. Students are the future, as people say.

As I said, your school district is having tough times and I hope that your district leaders will use their funds carefully.

Sincerely,  
Kollin Kotongan, 7th Grade  
Unalakleet, Alaska

To The Editor:  
I think 7th graders should go to NACTEC. Some people might think 7th graders aren't responsible or respectful. They are wrong because we organize our own binders and stuff. We should go NACTEC so we can learn new things.

Sincerely,  
Harry Toolie, 7th grader  
Savoonga, AK

Letter to the Editor:  
I think student of the month should go see the Iditarod. Some people might think it is too expensive. They are wrong because student of the month should go. We should go to Iditarod because it is fun and we can buy lots of stuff. Also, we should go because we will work hard to be student of the month.

Sincerely,  
Keisha, 7th grader  
Savoonga, AK

Letter to the Editor:  
I think students should go to the Iditarod. Some people think it is too expensive. They are wrong because if their children are student of the month they could go. That would be less expensive because fewer students would go. If they say yes for us to go then we would get to watch people play basketball and I would like to watch them because I love basketball, we read about the Iditarod. They talk about mushers and

other things that would be interesting to watch.

Sincerely,  
Ayuung, 7th grader  
Savoonga, Alaska

Letter to the Editor:  
I think 7th graders should go to the Iditarod. Some people might think it's too expensive. They are wrong because some student of the month can go there.

That would be less expensive because fewer students will go there. We read about the Iditarod in a book. It also, looks super fun to watch. We got done with the book in March 16, 2016. It was a GREAT book.

Sincerely,  
Trisha, 7th grader  
Savoonga Ak

To the Editor,  
I recently read "Outbreak Of Parvo Virus Confirmed in Alaskan Dog Kennels" in your newspaper. I am shocked to hear that the parvo virus is spreading. It is important that we make sure it doesn't spread even more because in this time of year there is Iditarod going on and the dogs can get the parvo virus. There have been at least four dog kennels that have been affected with parvo and we don't want the Iditarod dogs to get it, too.

I think that we need vets to come to Bush Alaska more often to give dogs vaccines. People might say it costs too much. I think they are right, but even though it costs too much we really need them to come here because dogs are getting the parvo virus and other diseases.

Still others might say that parvo virus is not that serious, but it is.

Parvo causes many symptoms such as dehydration and vomiting. They also might say that parvo won't spread, but during Iditarod it can spread.

In conclusion, I think that we need

vets to come to Bush Alaska more often to give dogs vaccines.

Sincerely,  
Darrell Semaken, 7th grade  
Unalakleet, Alaska

Dear Editor,  
I recently read the article "Eight Nome athletes head to Greenland for Arctic Winter Games" in your newspaper. The Arctic Winter Games is a great opportunity for people who live in Alaska, so I hope that the games go on for many years to come.

People work as hard as they can to get sent to the games, and some are in luck this year. The team of eight from Nome are going to participate in the skiing portion with Marjorie Tahbone as their mentor. Miss Tahbone's team is made up of Zachary Tozier, Timothy James, Madison Johnson, and Kim Clark.

Competing in the biathlon portion are Bianca Trowbridge, Wilson Hoogendorn and Mallory Conger.

There is also a team in Unalakleet that has been working so hard each and everyday for the past two to two years in preparation for the games. They have a alumni on their team. The team is Allie Ivanoff, Makiyan Ivanoff, and their coach and fellow athlete Nick Hanson. Makiyan Ivanoff has been working for this for a long time. He has blew up the charts in Unalakleet and has become stronger over the years. This team alongside Nome deserves to go this year.

I just wanted to say congratulations to the teams this year. I wish everyone the best of luck! To all the teams I want to say that you have earned this. You have worked hard so you earned your spot to this event. You made it!

Sincerely,  
Olivia Mshiana  
Unalakleet, Alaska

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

Editorial

Tough Choices for Alaska

How does Alaska avoid economic disaster? We need to fund the basic services: education, health care, and police protection. The burden is heavy, yet it must be spread evenly. We can no longer rely on oil revenue to fund our budget. We must tighten the reins on spending and find a way to generate more revenue because cuts alone won't fix our \$3.7 million deficit.

We have a big fat savings account called the Constitutional Budget Reserve but if we dip into that fund we just kick the can further down the road to another day. We can save revenue if we tax ourselves. We used to have a state income tax but now we just have the earnings of the Permanent Fund. If we want a balanced budget we must have an income tax. Count on our legislature bolting for cover rather than face that reality. The truth hurts.

There are some more palatable aspects to an income tax. Folks who have no income cannot pay an income tax. Five percent of nothing is still nothing. Then there are the out of state workers who collect an Alaskan paycheck and leave Alaska. It is an unpleasant tax, no one loves a tax, but there are no pleasant alternatives if we want a balanced budget. —N.L.M.—



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<b>Sunrise</b>	03/31/16 8:20 a.m.	04/06/16 7:58 a.m.	<b>High Temp (03/21...03/27)</b> +29F	03/21/16	<b>National Weather Service Nome, Alaska (907) 443-2321 1-800-472-0391</b>
<b>Sunset</b>	03/31/16 9:53 p.m.	04/06/16 10:12 p.m.	<b>Low Temp</b> -6F	03/27/16	
			<b>Peak Wind</b> 25 mph, NE	03/23/16	
			<b>2016 - Total Precip. (through 03/27)</b>	01.07"	
			<b>Normal Total to Date, 2016</b>	02.44"	
			<b>Seasonal Snowfall</b> 42.80"	<b>Normal</b> 64.60"	
			<b>Snow on the Ground</b>	6.00"	

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# Op-Ed: The importance of giving through Pick.Click.Give

By **Nina Kempel**

The next several days are critical for hundreds of nonprofits across Alaska. Why? As we approach to the March 31st deadline to file for your Permanent Fund Dividend, we move closer to the time most Alaskans will Pick.Click.Give to organizations that serve critical needs here in Alaska.

Whether your interests are in the performing arts, education, outdoor recreation, health, or animal welfare, Pick.Click.Give. has a cause you care about. Time is running out to support a worthy nonprofit of your choosing. Many Alaskans choose to donate a portion of their Alaska Permanent Fund to help a cause they care about and help support these nonprofit organizations that serve our local communities. In a time of economic uncertainty in Alaska, what may seem like a small donation to you, adds up to make a big difference. When we partner together, all the gifts made through Pick.Click.Give. go a long way to help strengthen our communities and the nonprofits who serve them.

Since Pick.Click.Give. began in 2009, the program has grown steadily, breaking records each year for the total amount raised. Last year, Alaskans showed their kindness and donated \$3.3 million through Pick.Click.Give. to support nonprofits across the state. And since its inception, Alaskans have pledged more than \$13.7 million to Alaska's nonprofits through Pick.Click.Give. In the eight years of the Pick.Click.Give. program, Alaskans have seen the need and responded in a big way and with a big heart. We thank you for the overwhelming support and generosity.

This year, we've seen the participation rate dip slightly from the record high of 2015. Perhaps uncertainty surrounding the future of the Permanent Fund Dividend or the ongoing discussions regarding how to bridge our state's budget deficit have made some people hesitant to commit a part of our annual check.

But as we head towards the deadline we can change that trend and show that we're a caring community even when times get tough. The final two weeks of March are the most critical to the nonprofit participants of the Pick.Click.Give. campaign. The last few years have shown us that many pledges are received in the last half of March.

Haven't filed for your PFD yet? You're not alone! Last year, 18 percent of total giving occurred during the last two weeks of March. If you have already filed this year but forgot to Pick.Click.Give., you can still log back in and make a donation to a cause you care about. In fact, your gift could go even further this year. The Alaska Community Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation are offering three \$5,000 bonuses to the top participating nonprofits who increase their donations from the previous year as well as providing a \$1,000 bonus to the new nonprofit that raises the most donations in this year's Pick.Click.Give. program.

If you look through the 2016 list of the 640 Alaskan nonprofits involved with Pick.Click.Give., you'll see food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and rescue missions. These groups work with the most vulnerable of our populations: those with basic needs like food, shelter, and clothing. But Pick.Click.Give. is

more than that. Some participating nonprofits encourage involvement in the arts; others, outdoor recreation. Some connect our cities and villages through the public radio network. Others have missions to rescue and find homes for our beloved pets. Some groups support education for our children.

These nonprofit groups make our Alaskan communities more vibrant, engaging, and caring places for residents. Our winters would seem longer and our summers less dynamic without these nonprofits and their efforts to improve where we live.

While there is uncertainty around the future of the PFD, one thing is certain, even in difficult times Alaskans can be counted on to be good neighbors. If you have a favorite local nonprofit group, there's a good chance you can donate to them as one of the 640 nonprofits in the Pick.Click.Give. program. We urge you to look at the list of participating organizations listed on [www.PickClickGive.org](http://www.PickClickGive.org) and personally invest in enhancing the nonprofits across our state. Please join us and the tens of thousands of Alaskans who donate a part of their PFD through Pick.Click.Give. to make a meaningful and lasting difference in our communities.

*Nina Kempel is President and CEO of The Alaska Community Foundation. A lifelong Alaskan, Nina is passionate about growing philanthropy in our state. Pick.Click.Give. is a program of The Alaska Community Foundation.*

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Thursday, March 31

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Football	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*NCC Parent and Child Play Group	Boys and Girls Club	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
*NEC Tom Cod Derby	Nome Eskimo Comm.	2:00 - 5:00 p.m. (bring fish)
*Weekly Women's Circle	Prematernal Home	3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering and Seppala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Yoga with Peter	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Water Aerobics	Nome Swimming Pool	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Port Commission: Work Sess.	City Hall	5:30 p.m.
*Nome Port Commission: Reg. Mtg.	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Thrift Shop	Methodist Church	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 1



*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*AM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*NEC Tom Cod Derby	Nome Eskimo Comm.	2:00 - 5:00 p.m. (bring fish)
*After School Activities: Ball Games	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Children Awareness March	Old St. Joe's Lawn	3:45 p.m.
*Dance Fitness Class	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Adult drop-in Soccer (ages 15+)	Nome Rec Center	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Saturday, April 2

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 8:00 p.m.
*Open Bowling	Nome Rec Center	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Sunday, April 3

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Open Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
*Family Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*Acro Yoga	Nome Rec Center	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, April 4

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Basketball	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Swimming Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Pilates Class	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Lutheran Church(rear)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 5

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*Pre-school Story Hour	Keigoayah Kozga Library	10:30 a.m.
*Lunch Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
<b>*Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee:</b>		
<b>Telephonic Public Meeting: 1-800-504-8071, code 442-1717</b>		
*After School Activities: Handball	Nome Rec Center	2:00 p.m.
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*Strength Training	Nome Rec Center	4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Nome Food Bank	Bering & Sepala	5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
*Yoga with Peter	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Nome Planning Commission	City Hall	7:00 p.m.
*AA Meeting	Airport Pizza (upstairs)	8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 6

*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
*Kindergym	Nome Rec Center	10:00 a.m. - noon
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	noon - 3:00 p.m.
*After School Activities: Floor Hockey	Nome Rec Center	
Grades 3-6		3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Grades 5-8		4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
*PM Lap Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Zumba Fitness	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
*Open Gym	Nome Rec Center	5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*Family Swim	Nome Swimming Pool	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
*Acro Yoga	Nome Rec Center	6:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

#### Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum

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Nome Visitors Center: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (M-F)

Bering Land Bridge Visitor Center: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (M-F)

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## • Common council

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what if five years down the road, erosion had to be fixed? she asked.

Members of the public said raising prices had met a limit, that the port should cut expenses or find another way to balance the budget, not raise prices. Some said they recognized a need for a rainy day fund, but it ought to be realized through cutting costs.

Adem Boeckmann, fisherman, suggested that the city use the NSEDC Community Development Share coming along annually, a use that would benefit everyone, including kids, instead of using it for special groups and special projects as usually assigned. Mining and fishing industries were strapped, he said, and "fuel and freight are going to go up."

"Where little fishing boats tie up, we are all paying," Councilman Lew Tobin commented.

Fishermen paid because Norton Sound Economic Development paid for it, Boeckmann replied. NSEDC is a Community Development Quota organization established to turn fishing profits back to communities.

Passing a rate increase at the port would make prices go higher for local businesses across the board, Robert Hafner, executive director of Nome Chamber of Commerce said. "We are having a tough time in this town. If we keep jacking up prices, nobody will live here."

"We don't feel we can afford to raise costs any longer," Mark Johnson said. "We need to budget to meet the revenue coming in."

Barge fees to the remote town are not far away from airfreight costs, unless one ships full containers, Bill Howell of Airport Pizza observed. "Not much savings there."

"We've gone through four years' hydrocarbon poverty," Howell said. "The city has benefited [through sales tax.] "It's been rape and pillage, rape and pillage."

A raise in port rates was "like throwing another brick on the wagon," Howell concluded. "It's not like you are Dillinger and I am the bank. Stop it."

He agreed with Lean on the need for a port rainy day fund, but not through a raise in port rates, but by finding ways to save money.

The city can raise rates only so long. We have to cut costs, he said.

The port had grown exponentially, Tom Moran, city manager, said. There was a need for a reserve fund to meet periodic maintenance costs.

The seawall, erected around 1949 was years past its 50-year life the city was just scheduling repairs, Lean said. The causeway was half way through its life expectancy. The valves that failed were years past their prime.

The Port Commission should have had future needs prioritized when they were spending the reserves down to zero, Councilman

Matt Culley told Lean. The council was also responsible because they allowed this to happen, Culley said.

"You spent our reserves down knowing we could have a terrible catastrophe," Culley said. "We knew we had things coming up and we spent the reserve fund to zero."

"What concerns me is if we increase 10 percent in revenue and decrease 10 percent in expenses, we still don't have a contingency fund", Culley said. "We got too big too fast. With growth we increased revenue, but we also spent down the reserves. We got big eyes and big britches. It's an easy solution to come back and say 'can we get a 10 percent increase.'"

Culley was correct, Councilman Jerald Brown said. "The responsibility belongs to the council."

A consultant retained by the Port Commission in 2013 had said the Port of Nome needed a 50 percent increase, but the city backed off with 10 percent here, five percent there, Brown said. "Hopefully sometime in the future we'd get caught up. The future is now." The port was going to need belt tightening, he said.

The consultant said the port needed a 50-percent increase in fees to cover what the port was doing, but "do we need all we are doing?" Johnson asked.

He knew the Port of Nome was important in Nome's part of the world, Mayor Richard Beneville said. He appreciated the public's comments and conceded, "We are not going to solve the problems of the world on the backs of 'Nomans.'"

Beneville and several others suggested that the tariff go back to the Nome Port Commission to have the increase cut to 5 percent.

No good, Moran said. The Port of Nome was an advisory group; the council needed to set the increase and then vote on it. There were changes in the language on rules and operations, besides the rate increase figures, and the document needed to get to users ASAP, he said. Joy Baker, port director, agreed, reminding the council that the tariff was already a month behind schedule in getting into port users' hands for the season's planning.

The council attempted to approve the tariff with only a five-percent increase. Tobin voted yes; Brown, Culley and Green voted no. Then the council succeeded in unanimously approving the tariff language with a zero increase in rates.

### In other business

The Council voted to table an ordinance authorizing a property exchange deal that would make City of Nome the owner of the White Alice communication towers site at the top of Anvil Mountain by trading two lots in town to Sitnasuak Native Corp. The city would lease back the

two lots west of Airport Pizza.

Securing the historic site would benefit the community as a whole, Moran said.

"There were 31 sites. We are the last," he said. Contamination at the site had been cleaned and the state Dept. of Environmental Conservation reports no further action is necessary.

The city has a perpetual easement on the road up to the tower site as well as the road behind the towers. Under these circumstances, the city would not have to take on maintenance, John Handeland said. Handeland, utility manager, has for years advocated preservation of the towers.

He loves what the towers stand for historically, Culley said, but he felt Sitnasuak shareholders ought to stand up and save the towers, not the city, he said.

The U.S. Air Force was willing to demolish the towers for Sitnasuak at no cost. Sitnasuak needed a letter of intent from the City so the Native Corporation wouldn't be stuck with demolition of the towers if it turns down the Air Force offer, Moran explained.

Beneville pushed for the city to go forward with the land exchange for the historical value of the site and as a safety landmark for travelers including pilots.

The site fascinated him, said Bob Hafner from the audience.

"I can look down from White Alice and see the T-hangar from the Lendlease Program when we were friends with Russia; a short time later there were the [early warning system] towers when things changed and we were enemies."

As there were only four members of the council present March 28, those four decided to table the debate on the White Alice land swap until all were present at the next meeting.

The question could wait until the April 11 council meeting, Moran said, but then the decision had to be made so Sitnasuak could meet a deadline with the Air Force.

The council approved a resolution setting the dates for the 2016 Board of Equalization as Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers and will continue through Friday, May 6, if necessary. The council sits as the BOE and hears grievances and requests for adjustments concerning the City of Nome's 2016 tax roll. Richard Beneville nominated Mark Johnson, C.P.A. to fill a seat on the Nome Port Commission left vacant when Rolland Trowbridge resigned. The council approved Johnson's appointment. Scot Henderson had also submitted an application.

Council members Jerald Brown, Matt Culley, Louis Green Sr. and Lew Tobin attended the meeting. Councilmen Stanley Andersen and Thomas Sparks were excused, according to Nome City Clerk Bryant Hammond.



Photo by Maisie Thomas

**DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS—** Lew Tobin reads instructions for Nome's Democratic Caucus on Saturday. Tobin organized the caucus, which was attended by 58 Nomeites, 44 of those supported Sanders.

## Bernie blasts Nome Caucus

By Nancy McGuire

Democrats and wanna-be Democrats packed the Polar Cub restaurant Saturday to participate in the Democratic caucus.

District 39 Democrats with headquarters in Nome and branches in Koyuk and Unalakleet participating by phone.

To participate one had to be a registered Democrat and live in District 39. If one wanted to change party affiliation it could be done on the scene. One had to be a US citizen, 18 or older and not have participated in any other party caucus in 2016.

The Polar Cub was packed with happy, congenial, Democrats who were glad take part in the Caucus. For many it was the first time they had participated in a caucus.

Lew Tobin conducted the procedure and sorted the Hillary from the Bernie supporters. It was a count-down as the 49 Bernie backers (including those in Unalakleet and

Koyuk) selected 14 delegates to attend the State Democratic Convention in Anchorage in May. The Hillary backers selected four delegates to represent their candidate at the State Convention. The Bernie Sanders backers had 74 percent of the participants and the Hillary Clinton backers had 26 percent of the caucus attendees.

Statewide, the Alaska Democratic Party reported that Bernie Sanders received 8,447 votes or 81 percent and was awarded 440 state convention delegates. Hillary Clinton received 21 percent or 99 delegates.

Almost 11,000 Alaskans cast their votes at Democratic caucuses held at 42 locations across the state. The party reported a record turnout, which was 119 percent of the turnout in 2008. In Anchorage, more than 1,000 participants changed their party affiliation and joined the Alaska Democratic Party.



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**ARCTIC-FROST**—Andrey Petrov, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa, started the Arctic-FROST program with a grant from the National Science Foundation in 2013. Members of the project, which focuses on sustainable development in the Arctic, visited Nome last week.

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changing environment, while others struggle to survive. Vera Metcalf, Director of the Eskimo Walrus Commission, and an Arctic-FROST steering committee member, and Bob Metcalf, Director of the Northwest Campus, were instrumental in bringing the group to Nome.

It seems that areas rich in natural resources, such as the North Slope, are better able to adapt to the Western structure of government, said Mara Kimmel, a professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage. One hypothesis is that the governing bodies in regions rich in resources had discussions about what is best for their communities for a long time, so their governing systems are well-oiled. These regions also have more money at their disposal. "I don't think that's been systematically explored, that intersection between governance and economic development," Kimmel said. She added that the local regional corporations and tribal governments often clash in areas where there are really no resources to argue about.

Bob Metcalf said that traditional communities sometimes struggle to adapt to the Western governing system. Drawing on his experiences in Savoonga, Metcalf said that the village historically made decisions by consensus. The community had trouble selecting one person to be a decision-maker. According to another participant, board members of corporations are often not fully competent in their positions. Since communities are uncomfortable with the Western system and unsure whom to elect, they vote for relatives and friends. The leaders of the corporation boards sometimes do not realize how to best capitalize on their resources, and do not bring new money into the region. "It's not bringing in the money the way it could," Petrov said.

Along with governance issues, another important topic at the workshop was education. "The main resource of the arctic is its people," Petrov wrote in an email to the Nome Nugget, "Investment in people is key." Kawerak's Cindy Weiler said the school systems in rural Alaska are not up to par with those in the rest of the country. For local people to earn college degrees, they often need to leave their region.

According to Lakehead University professor Chris Southcott, indigenous people often have a stronger desire to stay in their regions than non-Native residents do. Arctic communities are interested in resource development when it is done in a way that maximizes local benefits, which is hard to ensure. He mentioned modern comprehensive treaties as being key in protecting indigenous Canadians. "You do see a big change in communities when these communities have some control over their future," Southcott said.

The treaties establish the Native peoples law-making and self-governance powers, and help the communities and traditional lifestyles survive.

The effects of climate change were also addressed. It is hard for traditional communities to survive when climate change is altering seasonal patterns. Tatiana Vlasova with the Russian Academy of Sciences said there is a need for adaptive capacity building in the face of climate change, when subsistence opportunities are taken away. Lakehead University professor Chris Southcott said economic development is one of most important aspects of adaptive capacity. Communities need money in order to change, and "Often communities say 'we have all these social issues, but if we can get new money we can solve them ourselves. What we need is for you to tell us how to get the money.'"

However, the main focus remained on governance. Diane Hirshberg, a University of Alaska Anchorage professor who moderated the panel, expressed her concern about the lack of control indigenous people often have at the federal level, where the fates of communities are often decided. Hirshberg's comment was a follow-up to a presentation the day before by Varvara Korkina with UNI. Korkina spoke about corporate social responsibility in the Chukotka region. "I'm really struck by the governance concept as not being explored enough, and as being really critical in our Northern communities," Hirshberg said. She said there needs to be a way of identifying obstacles keeping local governments from succeeding, and a plan to overcome them, in order "to translate the work that Arctic-FROST and other

research organizations are doing... and convey that in a way that local governments can comprehend and then put into practice," Hirshberg said.

Bering Straits Native Corporation's Matt Ganley said there needs to be a way of preserving subsistence while maintaining an economy. "The reality is that there are two things out there here. One is the very western cash based economy that you need in the villages, and also the (subsistence) lifestyle. The opportunity lies in between," Ganley said. White Mountain hunting guide Tom Gray said modern technology, such as the Internet, interferes with subsistence activities. But obligations, such as jobs, provide an even bigger challenge. Entire communities used to spend summers on the rivers setting fishnets and drying fish. Now, Gray said, only about five families spend summers on the river. "Money, to me, is just a tool. Subsistence, for me, that's a bigger issue, I mean, that's my life."

Greenland has developed a novel approach to combining subsistence and commercial economies. Towns have employees who are designated subsistence hunters who can sell what they catch to people who want to continue to eat traditional foods, but need to work. "We don't have regulations in this state that recognize this possibility, and this might be where that conversation can begin," Kimmel said. She stressed the need for an international discussion with Greenland to look into the possibility.

On the last day of the workshop, Petrov asked the group where it believed social scientists should be fo-

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## Minor earthquake strikes Cape Nome

By Maisie Thomas

An earthquake with a magnitude of 3.1 rocked Cape Nome, about 12 miles East of town, early Sunday morning. The quake had a depth of 12.1 miles, according to U.S. Geological Survey's Alaska Earthquake Center.

According to USGS, people can feel earthquakes with magnitudes of 3.0-3.9 on the Richter scale, but only if they are in the area it is occurring or on upper floors of buildings. Sunday earthquake did not cause damage.

According to Peter Haeussler, an earthquake scientist with USGS, earthquakes of this magnitude are relatively common on the southern Seward Peninsula. This area is lo-

cated on the boundary of a small tectonic plate. As plates move, scrape and push against each other, they cause earthquakes. The movement of the small plate is what caused the quake on Sunday. Haeussler said the event was too far from the eruption of the Pavlof volcano to be related.

Despite all the small-scale earthquake activity near Nome, soon, these tremors will likely go unrecorded. Michael West, the Alaska State Seismologist, reported that there is a high probability that Nome will lose its earthquake monitoring system this summer due to landowner stipulations on the land lease.

## Volcano eruption disrupts air travel

By Maisie Thomas

Mount Pavlof, an active volcano in the Aleutian Range, erupted Sunday afternoon. Although the eruption occurred 600 miles south of Nome, travel to and from the town was disrupted earlier this week.

Alaska Airlines cancelled all flights between Nome and Anchorage on Monday and delayed flights on Tuesday due to the ash plume created by Pavlof. In total, Alaska Airlines cancelled 41 flights to and from six communities, according to a blog post on their website. "We simply won't fly where ash is present," said John Ladner, Alaska Airlines director of operations. All flights to and from Barrow, Bethel, Dead Horse, Fairbanks, Kotzebue and Nome were affected.

According to the Alaska Volcano

Observatory website, the eruption continued into Monday afternoon, with an ash plume coming from the volcano. As of 12:30 p.m. on Monday, the plume extends more than 400 miles to the northeast. The maximum cloud is located 37,000 feet above sea level.

The National Weather Service Alaska Aviation Weather Unit issued a SIGMET, or Significant Meteorological Information, warning message for airlines. On Monday, the volcano was still on code red, which means "eruption is imminent with significant emission of volcanic ash into the atmosphere," reads the AVO website.

Pavlof is one of Alaska's most active volcanoes, with over 40 large eruptions, according to the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

## Nome faces one of worst flu seasons

By Nancy McGuire

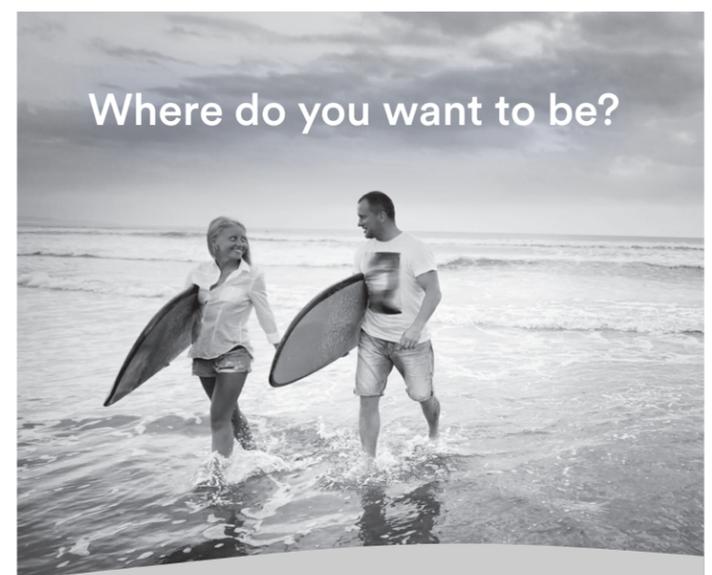
"It's one of the worst flu season yet," says Dr. David Head of Norton Sound Hospital. Since March 16 Nome has seen 130 patients diagnosed with either Type A or Type B flu and 170 with flu-like symptoms. This is an unusually high incidence for flu in Nome.

Head states that on top of flu there has been an outbreak of gastroenteritis, commonly called "stomach flu" which causes nausea, vomiting and diarrhea and lasts from 48-72 hours.

Both Type A and Type B flu last from 5-7 days but can last from 10-14 days. The symptoms are the same for each type: fever cough, body aches, joint pain, muscle pain, sore throat and ear infection.

This year's flu shots did not include protection against Type A and B but if patients did have the shot they would have less severe symptoms. Folks can still get free flu

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THEY'RE BACK— A herd of musk oxen forage for food at the sunny hillside of Anvil Mountain last week.

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## NPS School Board analyzes budget, introduces 5-year strategic plan

By Kristine McRae

At last week's Nome Public Schools Board of Education work session, Superintendent Shawn Arnold shared what he called, "some good news in otherwise interesting financial times." Arnold told board members that the district's partnership with NANA Management Services, NMS, for facilities maintenance and custodial services had saved the district an initial \$50,000 in last year's budgeting and this year the savings looks to be about \$100,000. Part of the contract, Arnold explained, is that any savings in that area are to be reinvested into the district's Capital Improvement Projects. "Some of the projects we're looking to reinvest those funds in will focus at Nome Elementary School," Arnold said. "There are areas that have been neglected for some time." Those areas included pressure washing and cleaning the exterior of the building, replacing siding and caulking as needed, painting handrails, and replacing broken doors and win-

dows with more energy efficient ones. "Research has shown that when kids take pride in their building they typically do better, and we want to try to give them the best the best building as possible," Arnold added. In another cost saving measure, the City of Nome is on track to install a thermal cover at Nome's swimming pool, which could reduce the electrical usage there by 40 percent. "It's a huge savings on electricity and fuel," Arnold said, "and we're looking at ways to recycle the heat from the boiler at Nome Beltz to heat the pool."

District business manager Lucienne Smith attended the session via remote conferencing and took the board through a detailed explanation of the latest FY 17 budget draft. The final revisions will be presented at the meeting on April 12, and on April 19 board members will approve the final budget for next school year. The final approval coincides with the scheduled ending of the legislative session in Juneau. Until then, though,

the district can't know for sure the fate of the Early Childhood Education funding as well as mandated contributions to the retirement funds of certified and classified staff. After temporarily removing funding for the Nome Youth Facility, the legislature has reinstated that funding. NYF employs a teacher for which Nome Public Schools supports at 27 percent. Other unknowns include the Erate broadband assistant grant, which offsets the costs for Internet usage and associated technology, and the financial contribution from the City of Nome. Based on their own budget and the districts' budget, the city is beholden to contribute a certain percentage to the local schools, which typically amounts to around two million dollars. The maximum contribution though, Arnold said, is \$3 million. And, if the state doesn't reinstate the \$2.5 million Pre-Kindergarten grant, of which over

\$250,000 goes to Nome, the district will consider lobbying the city for additional funding. Both the city and the district have identified the Pre-K funding as a priority, and the city could specifically allot funding for the program. For now, the district has a balanced budget of close to 14.6 million dollars in revenues and expenditures.

In other school board news, Board President Barb Amarok and Superintendent Arnold unveiled the five-year strategic plan for Nome Public Schools. The plan, which is a culmination of community input and a representative Planning Team, includes revised mission and vision statements and the updated goals and objectives of the district. The full plan is scheduled to be approved by the board at the next regular meeting and, in addition to the mission, vision, and values statements, contains the board and superintendent guiding

principles, board and superintendent goals, aspirations, and eight goals and objectives for the district.

Mission: Nome Public Schools, in active partnership with families and the community, educates and inspires students to become successful and responsible global citizens in an environment that represents our rich cultural diversities and local tradition.

Vision: Nome students will discover and expand their talents, meet high expectations, and be prepared for a changing world.

Values: Respect, Integrity, Service, and Excellence.

Amarok said she appreciates how the plan addresses foundational issues that affect students. "A great deal of thought went into this [plan]," Amarok said, "The process itself helped bring people together who might not have had that relationship in the past."

## • Flu season

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shots at the Norton Sound Hospital pharmacy.

Flu is transmitted in small droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets settle on a surface. When a person contacts that surface the droplets get on their hands. When they touch any opening on their face the virus will enter their body. So Head reminds us, "Don't put your fingers in your

eyes, mouth or nose." Wash your hands frequently and use a hand sanitizer.

In the rest of the nation flu season is from November thru April, but here it is from September through May or June.

There is a medication, Tamiflu, which shortens the course of the flu if taken 48-72 hours after one gets sick. Head says lots of hydration and chicken soup also help.

## House passes bill to protect state sovereignty in navigable waters

Last week, the Alaska House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill by Rep. Dave Talerico to clarify state laws governing use of state navigable waters to better protect an individual's rights to use state submerged lands, and remove ambiguity over federal claims.

House Bill 216 adds certain activities to the list of those deemed a "useful public purpose" consistent with the needs of Alaskans using state submerged lands, referred to as navigable waters. Similar to the John Sturgeon case just remanded by the Supreme Court, HB 216 seeks to better define state law and draw a bright line over the State's supremacy in areas under the federal Submerged Lands Act.

"We as a State have the sovereign title to our lands and waters, and the

opportunity to decide our management rules. HB 216 updates our navigable water laws to remove the chance for any ambiguity like that which got Mr. Sturgeon tied up in the byzantine courts for nearly a decade," said Talerico, R-Healy, and the House Resources Committee Co-Chair. "Thankfully, the U.S. Supreme Court saw the error in the Sturgeon case. Like that case, HB 216 is a necessary victory where we will cement our place as the sovereign over our navigable waters."

The bill proposes three main changes to existing law:

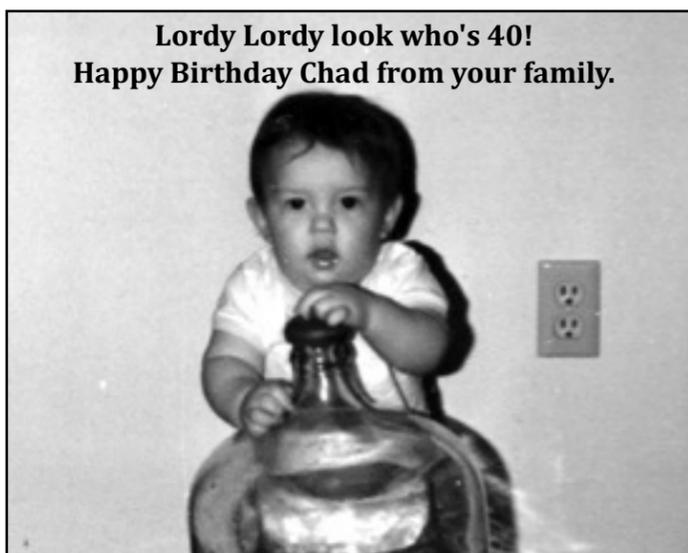
- Re-defining navigable waters to include all seasons, be it ice or thaw.
- Amending the list of allowable uses to include ice harvesting, state/federal military training, operations of boats or other watercraft,

hovercraft, snow machines, all-terrain vehicles, any other motorized or non-motorized vehicles, and storage of vehicles.

• Amending the definition of allowable hunting to include all game, instead of just waterfowl or other aquatic animals.

"This is a direct way to handle omissions from the law and allow for Alaskans who want to have lawfully permitted access to our waterways the chance to enjoy them in the form they choose," said Talerico. "We can remove redundancy, re-assert our authority over federal officials from blocking access to our lands and waters, and protect the rights of individual Alaskans to enjoy the Great Land we so cherish."

HB216 now moves to the Alaska Senate.



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**LASER PRACTICE**—Nome Maya Kralik uses a laser rifle in the White Mountain gym as she gets ready for the biathlon on Friday. The practice paid off, as Kralik took fifth in the race and won a silver medal in marksmanship.



Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

**KING OF BIATHLON**— A group of waiting biathletes make room for Ben Homekingkeo of Koyuk as he comes around for his second lap in the junior high boys race at the BSSD Ski and Biathlon Championships in White Mountain. Homekingkeo hit all his shots and won a gold medal in the event.

## Koyuk's Homekingkeo targets biathlon gold at Bering Straits Ski and Biathlon Championships

### Nome has near golden sweep in White Mountain

By Keith Conger

If the jargon "shooting clean" in biathlon is used when a participant has connected on all shots in a race, then eighth grader Ben Homekingkeo of Koyuk should now be called Mr. Clean. On Friday afternoon in White Mountain during the 38th Annual Bering Straits School District Ski and Biathlon Championships Homekingkeo used perfect 10 for 10 shooting to capture his first district biathlon gold medal.

Homekingkeo needed a perfect score, as his winning time of 23 minutes, 21 seconds provided a mere nine second advantage over silver medalist Tobin Hobbs of Nome in the junior high boys division. The young Koyuk skier has yet to miss a shot in competition this season. Sixth-grader Carter Commack of Unalakleet earned the bronze medal.

A total of eight medals were awarded in four divisions for ski and biathlon races. Skiers and biathletes from Nome Nordic captured the remaining seven. They were led by junior Wilson Hoogendorn who was the only high school biathlete to shoot clean. He finished the 5.4-kilometer biathlon race with a time of 19:23. Double silver medalist Sikulik Johnson, a junior from Unalakleet, hit eight shots, and finished with a time of 22:39. First year skier Ben Cross, a freshman from Nome, earned the bronze medal with a time of 25:09, hitting three shots.

Hoogendorn blazed around the 7.4-kilometer high school course, which included the scenic and demanding Sweetheart Loop, in a time 25:19 on Thursday. Johnson earned the silver with a time of 29:17. Cross earned the first of his two bronze medals, finishing the race in 30:46.

Bianca Trowbridge broke the handle of her ski pole on the very first push of the high school girls skate ski race on Thursday. After swapping out poles, the Nome junior tracked down the other competitors and finished in first with a respectable time of 31:22 on the 7.4-kilometer course. Teammate and fellow junior Emelyne Hobbs earned the silver medal with a time of 33:05. Nome freshman Erin Johanson earned bronze in her first race on the Sweetheart Loop.

Trowbridge and Hobbs connected on five and four shots respectively in the high school girls 5.4-kilometer biathlon race, and earned gold and silver medals. They finished with times of 24:36 and 26:49. The bronze medal went to first year biathlon racer Mary Fiskeaux, a Nome sophomore, who hit six shots and finished with a time 27:55.

Although Homekingkeo proved the better junior high boy biathlete on Friday, Tobin Hobbs showed he was the faster of the two by winning the 3.9-kilometer skate ski race on Thursday with a time of 12:55. Homekingkeo's time of 14:51 netted him the silver medal in the event.

Commack earned the first of his two bronze medals by completing the course in 15:00.

Nome eighth-grader Mallory Conger posted the weekend's fastest time in either junior high skate ski division. Her 11:54 showing in the 3.9-kilometer skate race was over a minute faster than the best junior high boys time. Unalakleet sixth-grader Margo Daniels finished in second place with a silver medal time of 15:04. Seventh-grader Melody Bergamaschi earned a bronze medal with a time of 15:51.

Conger connected on eight shots and finished the 5.4-kilometer biathlon race with a time of 22:41. That effort would have earned her a gold medal in the junior high boys division. Daniels found the target seven times, and finished in 29:41. Bergamaschi hit eight shots and earned a bronze medal for her 32:26 effort.

Homekingkeo further established himself as Mr. Clean over the weekend by winning the marksmanship competition in the junior high boys division. His score was 25 out of a possible 30.

Savoonga seventh-grader Martha Butler proved to be Ms. Clean. Butler was a perfect 10 for 10 during the biathlon race. She was also the only one of 54 athletes at the championships to post a perfect score during the marksmanship competition. She was awarded a gold medal for junior high girls in that event.

Butler shaved over 11 minutes off her 2015 time in the skate ski race. For that effort she was awarded the Girls Most Improved trophy. Sixth-grader Colton Ivanoff of Unalakleet cut a whopping 22 minutes off his previous time, and earned the Boys Most Improved honors.

Savoonga grabbed its second marksmanship gold when sophomore Vadim Yenan scored 22 of 30 in the high school boys division. Johanson won high school girls marksmanship gold with a score of 27. High school participants are not allowed to use a rifle rest in either the



Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

**FUN START**— Racers Kayla James of Gambell, 170, Peter Olanna of Brevig Mission, 143, and Arin Ablowaluk of Teller, 147, jockey for position during a race in White Mountain. Fifty-four skiers from eight locations participated in the 38th Annual BSSD Ski and Biathlon Championships.

biathlon or marksmanship competitions.

Homekingkeo led the Koyuk boys to first place in the junior high team competition. Teams from Nome won all three of the remaining divisions. Nome also earned the Sportsmanship Trophy.

The BSSD Championships serve as the most important regional warm-up race for the Western Interior Ski/Biathlon Association Championships. The WISA Championships act as the state contest for rural schools in both skiing and biathlon. The WISA meet rotates annually between Western Alaska and Interior Alaska sites. This year's meet will be held in Galena on March 31-April 2.

WISA athletes from the Bering Strait School District are: Melody Bergamaschi from White Mountain; Vadim Yenan from Savoonga; Carter

Commack, Payton Commack, Summer Sagoonick, Margo Daniels, Sikulik Johnson, Shawn Mixsooke and Darrell Semaken from Unalakleet; Hugo Apatiki from Gambell; Ben Homekingkeo, Denin Prentice, Megan Henry and Virginia Nassuk from Koyuk; Chester Topkok and Ryan Topkok from Teller.

Nome athletes going to the WISA Championships are Wilson Hoogendorn, Ben Cross, Nolan Horner, James Horner, Bianca Trowbridge, Emelyne Hobbs, Erin Johanson, Sophia Hobbs, Mary Fiskeaux, Starr Erikson, Mallory Conger, Clara Hansen, Maya Kralik, Matthew Nielson, Tristan Hobbs and Tobin Hobbs.

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**BIATHLON START**— Teller's Ryan Topkok, center, leads a group of skiers out on the first lap of the 5.4-kilometer biathlon race on Friday in White Mountain. With Topkok, from left to right, are Mary Fiskeaux and Starr Erikson of Nome, and Summer Sagoonick of Unalakleet.

Photo by Melanie Sagoonick



**SWEETHEART DANCE LINE**— Double silver medalist Sikulik Johnson of Unalakleet leads a group for a practice ski around Sweetheart Mountain on Saturday. The Sweetheart Loop is the signature trail in White Mountain, and rivals any in the state in beauty and challenge.

Photo by Keith Conger



**SAVOONGA SKIERS**— Kennedy Olanna, 171, and Martha Butler raced in skiing and biathlon during the 38th Annual BSSD Championships in White Mountain. Both proved to be good shooters as Olanna placed sixth in junior high girls marksmanship, and Butler won the gold medal. Butler also shot 10 for 10 in the biathlon race.

Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

## 38th Annual BSSD Ski and Biathlon Championships Results

<b>Bering Strait School District Ski and Biathlon Championships</b> White Mountain, AK, March 24-26		9. Michael Haugen, UNK 16:25	3. Mary Fiskeaux, OME 27:55 (6)	<b>High School Boys</b>		8. Clara Hansen, OME 15
<b>Top 10 Results</b>		10. Kanayaq Ivanoff, UNK 17:04	4. Summer Sagoonick, UNK 28:27 (9)	1. Vadim Yenan, SVA 22	2. Wilson Hoogendorn, OME 20	9. Virginia Nassuk, KKA 14
<b>BSSD Ski Race</b>		<b>Junior High Girls</b>		3. Ben Cross, OME 20	4. Sikulik Johnson, UNK 10	10. Kennedy Olanna, SVA 13
High School – 7.4 Kilometer		1. Mallory Conger, OME 11:54	5. Sophia Hobbs, OME 29:06 (6)	5. Ryan Topkok, TLA 6	6. Nolan Horner, OME 5	<b>BSSD Skimeister Awards</b> (best overall results per division)
Junior High – 3.9 Kilometer		2. Margo Daniels, UNK 15:05	6. Starr Erickson, OME 29:39 (2)	7. Chester Topkok, TLA 5	8. Shawn Mixsooke, UNK 4	HSB – Wilson Hoogendorn, OME
<b>High School Boys</b>		3. Melody Bergamaschi, WMO 15:51	7. Erin Johanson, OME 29:57 (3)	9. James Horner, OME 3	5. HSG – Bianca Trowbridge, OME	JHB – Tobin Hobbs, OME
1. Wilson Hoogendorn, OME 25:19	2. Sikulik Johnson, UNK 29:17	4. Clara Hansen, OME 16:43	<b>Junior High Boys</b>		3. JHG – Mallory Conger, OME	
3. Ben Cross, OME 30:46	4. James Horner, OME 30:57	5. Maya Kralik, OME 17:35	1. Benjamin Homekingkeo, KKA 23:21 (10)	<b>High School Girls</b>		<b>BSSD Most Improved</b> (comparing 2015 and 2016 times)
5. Nolan Horner, OME 31:17	6. Ryan Topkok, TLA 36:02	6. Megan Henry, KKA 17:54	2. Tobin Hobbs, OME 23:30 (8)	1. Erin Johanson, OME 27	2. Bianca Trowbridge, OME 18	Colton Ivanoff, UNK
7. Shawn Mixsooke, UNK 40:10	8. Chester Topkok, TLA 40:28	7. Virginia Nassuk, KKA 18:44	3. Carter Commack, UNK 27:51 (8)	3. Summer Sagoonick, UNK 15	4. Emelyne Hobbs, OME 15	Martha Butler, SAV
9. Vadim Yenan, SVA 40:46		8. Rosie Ambrose, OME 21:39	4. Denin Prentice, KKA 28:07 (5)	5. Starr Erickson, OME 10	<b>Team Places:</b>	
<b>High School Girls</b>		9. Olivia Mashiana, UNK 23:53	5. Darrell Semaken, UNK 28:19 (9)	6. Sophia Hobbs, OME 8	<b>High School Boys</b>	
1. Bianca Trowbridge, OME 31:22	2. Emelyne Hobbs, OME 33:05	10. Lenora Wongitillin, SVA 24:20	6. Payton Commack, UNK 28:28 (9)	7. Mary Fiskeaux, OME 2	<b>High School Girls</b>	
3. Erin Johanson, OME 35:45	4. Mary Fiskeaux, OME 36:03	<b>BSSD Biathlon Race</b>	7. Hugo Apatiki, GAM 30:13 (5)	<b>Junior High Boys</b>		1. Nome
5. Starr Erickson, OME 36:13	6. Summer Sagoonick, UNK 39:52	High School – 5.4 Kilometer	8. Anthony Haugen, UNK 30:36 (5)	1. Benjamin Homekingkeo, KKA 25	2. Emmanuel Mittelholzer, UNK 23	2. Unalakleet
7. Sophia Hobbs, OME 39:56		Junior High – 5.4 Kilometer (number of shots made out of 10)	9. Michael Haugen, UNK 31:25 (6)	3. Aluka Ivanoff, UNK 20	3. Shannon Toolie, SVA 16	3. Teller
<b>Junior High Boys</b>		1. Wilson Hoogendorn, OME 19:25 (10)	10. Kanayaq Ivanoff, UNK 32:30 (4)	4. Arin Ablowaluk, TLA 18	4. Hugo Apatiki, GAM 14	<b>High School Girls</b>
1. Tobin Hobbs, OME 12:55	2. Benjamin Homekingkeo, KKA 14:51	2. Sikulik Johnson, UNK 22:39 (8)	<b>High School Boys</b>		5. Kanayaq Ivanoff, UNK 17	1. Nome
3. Carter Commack, UNK 15:00	4. Hugo Apatiki, GAM 15:04	3. Ben Cross, OME 25:09 (3)	4. Clara Hansen, OME 32:37 (6)	6. Mark Slwooko, GAM 16	6. Mark Slwooko, GAM 16	<b>Junior High Boys</b>
5. Denin Prentice, KKA 15:38	6. Anthony Haugen, UNK 15:45	4. Nolan Horner, OME 25:15 (7)	5. Maya Kralik, OME 35:35 (9)	7. Shannon Toolie, SVA 16	7. Shannon Toolie, SVA 16	1. Koyuk
7. Payton Commack, UNK 15:46	8. Darrell Semaken, UNK 15:53	5. James Horner, OME 25:31 (2)	6. Megan Henry, KKA 36:50 (4)	8. Hugo Apatiki, GAM 14	8. Hugo Apatiki, GAM 14	2. Unalakleet
<b>High School Girls</b>		6. Ryan Topkok, TLA 27:51 (4)	7. Virginia Nassuk, KKA 37:41 (3)	9. Tobin Hobbs, OME 13	9. Tobin Hobbs, OME 13	3. Gambell
1. Bianca Trowbridge, OME 24:36	2. Emelyne Hobbs, OME 26:49 (4)	7. Chester Topkok, TLA 28:00 (4)	8. Rosie Ambrose, OME 39:03 (3)	10. Darrell Semaken, UNK 11	10. Darrell Semaken, UNK 11	<b>Junior High Girls</b>
<b>BSSD Marksmanship</b> (5 shots at 4.5-inch targets, 5 shots at 1.5-inch targets) Perfect score is 30		8. Shawn Mixsooke, UNK 31:40 (5)	9. Lauryn Nanouk-Jones, UNK 44:02 (10)	<b>Junior High Boys</b>		1. Nome
<b>Junior High uses a rest</b>		9. Vadim Yenan, SVA 33:12 (4)	10. Olivia Mashiana, UNK 45:58 (9)	1. Martha Butler, SVA 30	2. Maya Kralik, OME 24	2. Unalakleet
<b>High School Boys</b>		<b>High School Girls</b>		3. Mallory Conger, OME 23	4. Lauryn Nanouk-Jones, UNK 22	3. Koyuk
1. Wilson Hoogendorn, OME 25:19	2. Sikulik Johnson, UNK 29:17	1. Bianca Trowbridge, OME 24:36	2. Emelyne Hobbs, OME 26:49 (4)	5. Kayla James, GAM 18	6. Melody Bergamaschi, WMO 16	<b>Sportsmanship Award</b> Nome Nordic
3. Ben Cross, OME 30:46	4. James Horner, OME 30:57	2. Emelyne Hobbs, OME 26:49 (4)		7. Megan Henry, KKA 16		



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**BACKCOUNTRY CREW**— A group of skiers from Nome, White Mountain, Unalakleet and Koyuk enjoy the post-race camaraderie in the fresh snow on Saturday.



Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

**FINISHERS**— White Mountain's Melody Bergamaschi, front, is finishing up her 3.9-kilometer junior high skate race at nearly the same time that Summer Sagoonick of Unalakleet finishes the 7.4-kilometer high school race.



Photo by Keith Conger

**UP AND AWAY**—Unalakleet's Michael Haugen, 133, leads a wave of skiers toward the big ascent in White Mountain on Thursday.



Photo by Melanie Sagoonick

**MARKSMAN**— Teller's Ryan Topkok takes aim at the targets during the marksmanship competition on Thursday in White Mountain, while range safety helper Harvey Agloinga looks on. Topkok placed fifth in the high school boys division.



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**ALMOST THERE**—Ronald Adams of Brevig Mission nears the finish line in the challenging 5.4-kilometer junior high boys biathlon race on Friday.

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HEADING OUT— Stephanie Johnson and team approach the Council road during the Nome-Council race.

## All Around the Sound

### Engagement

James and Debra Kemper, Celina, Ohio announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Stephanie Elizabeth Kemper to Daniel John Stang, son of Doctor Daniel Stang, Nome, Alaska and Annie Harkelrode and Mike Dobson, Anchorage, Alaska. The bride-elect is a 2010 Graduate of New Bremen High School and 2014 Graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Ecology – Dietetics. She is currently completing her Dietetic Internship and is enrolled in the University of Rhode Island, Master of Science - Dietetics program. The prospective groom is a 2009 Graduate of West Anchorage High School. Corporal Stang currently serves in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and is employed as an IBEW journeyman electrician. The couple is planning an April 23, 2016 wedding at Lake Loramie State Park in Minster, Ohio.



Stephanie Elizabeth Kemper and Daniel John Stang

### Birth

Ruby Outwater and Aaron Foust of Nome announce the birth of their daughter Penny Sue Estun'ghaq Outwater, born March 21, at 11:17 p.m. She weighed 9 pounds and was 21" in length. Siblings are Addison Outwater, 3, and Scarlet Outwater, 1. Maternal grandparents are Percy Outwater of Nome; and the late Peggy Outwater; and paternal grandparents are Gale and Barbara Foust of Sacramento, California.



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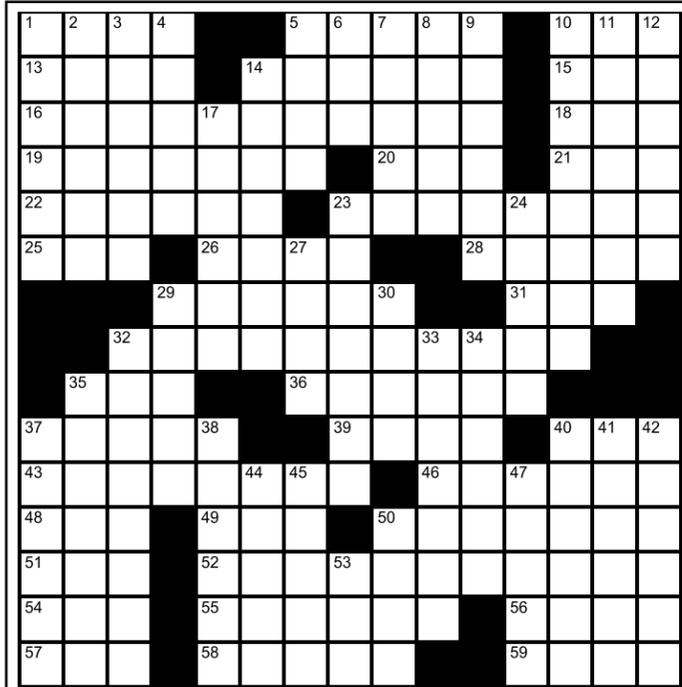
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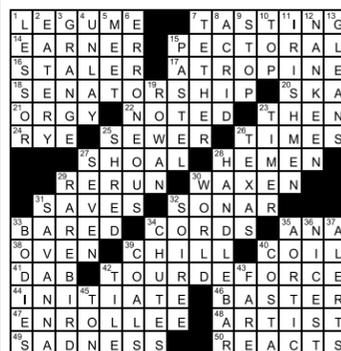
### Across

1. "ER" doctor
5. \_\_\_\_ vs. Goliath
10. Black bird
13. Black, in poetry
14. Baba ghanoush ingredient
15. "Aladdin" prince
16. To remove government regulatory controls
18. Feminine side
19. Land
20. Branch
21. Two year old doe
22. Innocent
23. Much less
25. \_\_\_\_ el Amarna, Egypt
26. Endure
28. Put on, as cargo
29. Battlefield shout
31. Bit
32. The art of taking pictures
35. Aluminum coin of Burma
36. Flirtatious women
37. Cliffside dwelling
39. Advertising sign
40. "Acid"
43. \_\_\_\_ Silver
46. See-through sheet
48. Bolivian export
49. "Much \_\_\_\_ About Nothing"
50. Infinite amount of time
51. \_\_\_\_ v. Wade

### Down

2. Tropical African tree
3. Reddish brown
4. Contemptuous look
5. Broad valley
6. "Bingo!"
7. Aqua \_\_\_\_
8. Dead to the world
9. Cheerless
10. Everyday routine (3 wds.)
11. Turned away
12. Rapid or swift
14. Small, powerful towing ship
17. South American cowboy
23. Garment covering from ankle to knee
24. Thin, narrow strips of wood
27. High school formal dance
29. Committee head
30. Coastal raptor
32. Mountain range between Spain and France
33. Salamanders that inhabit ponds of Mexico
34. Extreme poverty
35. Stalk of a plant in which the leaf is attached
37. Lead \_\_\_\_
38. Go by, as time
40. Former money of account of France
41. Imbues
42. To assess at a lower value
44. Archetype
45. Present
47. "Cut it out!"
50. Apartment
53. Parenthesis, essentially

### Previous Puzzle Answers



# HOROSCOPES

March 31 - April 6



**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–  
January 19

Relocation is the topic of discussion at work and at home. Don't put in your two cents until you have heard all sides, Capricorn. A gift makes you smile.



**ARIES**  
March 21–  
April 19

Rarely are you surprised, but that changes this week with the return of a long-lost friend. Enjoy the walk down memory lane and the adventures to come, Aries.



**CANCER**  
June 22–  
July 22

Ignorance is not bliss, at least not in this situation. The more informed you are, the better decision you will make. Hop to it, Cancer. Start with an old friend.



**LIBRA**  
September 23–  
October 22

Go figure, Libra. You clear off your desk just in time for new assignments to arrive. Make sure you don't bite off more than you can chew.



**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–  
February 18

Hoarding tendencies triumph once more, and friends find themselves in trouble again. You could bail them out, Aquarius, but is that the best move?



**TAURUS**  
April 20–  
May 20

Don't put all of your eggs into one basket, Taurus. Take a look at the possibilities and consider diversifying. A trade is made, and the perks are apparent.



**LEO**  
July 23–  
August 22

Busy, busy, busy. You're hopping this week, Leo, but lucky for you, you will wrap up everything quickly. It could be time for a romantic getaway for two.



**SCORPIO**  
October 23–  
November 21

A meeting at work gets off to a rough start. Treats might help, Scorpio. A loved one's attempts at home fail yet again. Time to call it quits.



**PISCES**  
February 19–  
March 20

Don't count your chickens before they are hatched, Pisces. Delays could still occur. An old friend drops by bearing gifts. Be welcoming but wary.



**GEMINI**  
May 21–  
June 21

Ready to trade up, Gemini? This is the week! Extra cash will be on tap, along with a very good report. A health condition clears up faster than expected.



**VIRGO**  
August 23–  
September 22

Panic sets in at home with the sudden arrival of guests. Relax, Virgo. They are more interested in your company than in your surroundings.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–  
December 21

The hunt is on, Sagittarius. Enlist the help of your buddies and leave no stone unturned. A memoir reveals details long forgotten. Keep it that way.

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## Obituary



Borgny M. Reader

### Borgny M. Reader

Dec. 19, 1919 – March 12, 2016

Borgny M. Reader was born on December 19, 1919 in Littleheart, North Dakota; and left this world on March 12, 2016. At age 96 she lived a full and truly interesting life; she traveled by train from North Dakota to Washington in early 1928, sailed from Washington to Nome, Alaska by steamboat in 1932, met and married her husband Peter L. Reader, in 1937. They remained in Nome until 1966 when they retired and moved to Silverdale, Washington. During their time in Alaska they owned and operated a gold mine, a water company, a contracting company and the tele-

phone company. After Pete's death in 2002 she moved to Yelm, Washington, to live with her daughter Helen.

Borgny was greeted on the other side by her parents Anna and Edven Ulricksen, seven brothers and sisters, husband, Pete, son Duane, granddaughter Antonia and great-great granddaughter Reanna. Surviving are son Peter L. Reader and wife Barbara, daughter Helen Kinney and husband Cliff, grandson Andrew Macfarlane, wife Ikuko and great-grandchildren Joshua and Kirsten; granddaughter Davida Pennington and great-granddaughter Erin; great-granddaughter Lindsey Harris and

great-great-granddaughter Arianna; and sister Florence Thomas.

She is also survived by many, many nieces and nephews.

She was diagnosed with a heart murmur at age 4 and it took 92 years for her heart to finally say "I'm done." Up until the day before she died she was in perfect health and enjoyed her life. She was always ready to go anywhere to the store, to the casino, her regular Thursday at the Yelm Senior Center or just to ride

along wherever. Up until the end she took care of all her own living "chores," her own housekeeping and laundry and also helped in the gardens, deadheading rhodias and pulling weeds.

Borgny was an incredible lady who faced all her life challenges with dignity and grace and she will be missed. At her request no services have been scheduled. Dance with the angel, Mom.

## Saying it Sincerely

### By Pastor Leon Ringering Nome Seventh-day Adventist Church

Finishing a job or a race is important to us. We feel a sense of satisfaction when we are able to complete what we have we started and finish a job.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Luke 19:10 and he even told his disciples that to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work, was more important, more exciting, than eating the food they brought to him when he was tired, thirsty, and hungry, while sitting by Jacobs well in Samaria. John 4:34.

Then, while hanging on the cross, Jesus said, "It Is Finished." Jesus had finished the work he came to do.

Many of us have watched the mushers and dog teams finish the 1,000-mile race that they started in Anchorage. Some of us were able to attend the finishers banquet on March 20. It was a worthy celebration for finishing a big job and just to finish that race, even if you were the last one in, was a victory.

The apostle Paul suggests that in this life, we are all in a race. It is a long race and a difficult race. And it will require patient endurance to complete it. He also said we need to lay aside any extra weight that will slow us down. Listen to the writer of the Bible book of Hebrews in He-

brews 12:1-4. Said, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

In I Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul says, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." At the end of his race he said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the right-

eous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2Timothy 4:7,8.

Everyone who finishes the race God has set before us, will receive a prize better than a \$75,000 check and a new Doge truck or a red lantern. If we endure to the end, and finish our race, we can all receive the much greater prize of eternal life in a perfect world that God has prepared for us, a new heaven and a new earth where righteousness prevails. It will be a place where no out-of-control people will drive through dog teams. And a place where no one will harass or mistreat anyone else ever again. Evil and drunkenness will not exist there. Mistreating women will not happen there. And it is not acceptable or excusable here either.

Let us allow God who has begun a good work in us, to complete it, so we too can finish our race and receive the supreme prize, an eternal life of happiness and joy, in the very presence of Jesus, angels, and our Heavenly Father. God says he will come and set up his throne on this earth and rule the universe from this remade new earth. He will be our God and we will be his people., living together in perfect harmony, when we finish the race.

## Roasted Red Potatoes

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

**Makes 6 Servings**  
**Preparation Time: 5 minutes**  
**Bake at 425°F for 20 minutes**  
**Difficulty Level: Easy**

**Ingredients:**  
4 medium red potatoes  
Olive oil spray  
¼ tsp. garlic powder  
1 tsp. herbs de Provence



### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F
2. Cut potatoes into ½ inch cubes.
3. Spray baking sheet with olive oil. Place potatoes in a single layer on baking sheet and spray with olive oil. Sprinkle garlic powder and herbs over potatoes.
4. Place in oven and bake for 20 minutes, stirring after 10 minutes.

### TIPS:

\*Substitute Roasted Red Potatoes for fries to pair well with a delicious cheeseburger.

\*Try other salt-free spice mixes for different variations, i.e. Italian seasoning instead of Herbs de Provence.

### Nutrition Facts

Serving Size	1/2 cup
Amount Per Serving	6
Calories	111
Total Fat (g)	1
Saturated Fat (g)	0
Cholesterol (mg)	0
Sodium (mg)	25
Total Carbohydrate (g)	23
Fiber (g)	2
Protein (g)	3
Vitamin A (%)	0
Vitamin C (%)	20
Calcium (%)	1
Iron (%)	5

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 10:30 a.m.  
Friday Hospital Mass: 12:00 p.m. (Quyanna Care Center)

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

### Seventh-Day Adventist Icy View • 443-5137

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

### Nome Church of the Nazarene 3rd Avenue & Division Street • 443-4870

**Pastor Dan Ward**  
Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m. • Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

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## Employment



**Recruitment for Probate Specialist, March 21st to April 4th, 2016**

DIVISION: Natural Resources  
JOB TITLE: Probate Specialist  
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time

EXEMPT STATUS: Non-Exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 10-11-12 (\$23.17 to \$30.24)  
DOE  
REPORTS TO: Land Management Services Director

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Gathers Probate data for heirship, findings, including names and addresses of relatives for submission to the Administrative Law Judge.
2. Records Restricted Deeds and updates land ownership cards, Native Allotment files, Restricted Townsite Lots and Computer file records.

3. Does field investigations for trespass. Research land records for title.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. High school diploma or G.E.D. plus two years of responsible work experience in the field.
2. Must possess strong research, writing, organizational and oral communication skills.
3. Must be dependable, self motivated and able to work with minimum supervision.

Native Preference per Public Law 93-638. (Approved 7-12-12)

Barbara R. Fagerstrom  
HR Specialist  
Kawerak, Inc  
Ph 907-443-4373  
Fax 907-443-4443

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**Recruitment for Education/Disabilities Specialist, March 25th to April 8th, 2016**

DIVISION: Children & Family Services  
JOB TITLE: Education/Disabilities Specialist  
POSITION STATUS: Regular Full Time  
EXEMPT STATUS: Non-exempt  
PAY SCALE GRADE: 13-14-15 (\$27.13 to \$35.40)  
DOE  
REPORTS TO: Head Start/Early Head Start Director

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**Core Staff Responsibilities**

1. Assist with implementing the goals, objectives and performance standards of the Head Start/Early Head Start Child Care Programs.
2. Track all Program Information Report (PIR) data in regard to service area and submit monthly reports on the 7th of each month to the Director.
3. Develop, coordinate and monitor the integrated work plans, policies and procedures to ensure that performance standard and federal and state rules and regulations are being followed. Provide training and technical assistance to site staff to meet these regulations.
4. Participate in team planning with other specialists, site staff, and families to facilitate a seamless system of program delivery.

**Disability Responsibilities**

5. Review the developmental assessments provided by all Head Start/Early Head Start/Child Care Programs; use the end results to identify potential children with special needs and help staff make referrals as needed.
6. Collaborate with Special Education Coordinators from Bering Strait School District and Nome Public Schools and the Infant Learning Program in the planning, implementation and evaluation of Disabilities Services for children with special needs. Ensure IEPs and IFSPs are followed in the classroom or home.

**Education Responsibilities**

## Trooper Beat

Any charges reported in these press releases are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. On March 20, at 2:20 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of a domestic disturbance in Savoonga. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Jared Miklahook, 19, of Savoonga, for assault 4.

On March 22, at 3:14 a.m., AST received a report of a domestic disturbance in Stebbins. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Jordan Otten, 23, of Stebbins, for assault 4 and criminal mischief 4.

On March 22, at 5:25 p.m., AST arrested Corey Adams, 22, of Koyuk, with an arrest warrant. Adams was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center with bail set at \$20,000.00. Adams' charges are sexual assault 1 and sexual abuse of a minor 2.



## NSEDC Job Opportunities



**Safety Manager (Unalakleet/Nome/Anchorage):**

This position will administer and manage NSEDC's Health, Safety and Environmental (HSE) program, including its effective implementation and execution. The position and HSE program focuses on NSEDC's regional seafood, vessel and fishery research operations.

**Accountant (Anchorage):** This position is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of balance sheet accounts including accrued receivables and payables, fixed assets, trade receivables, and sales tax payable and all activities necessary to maintain accurate balances and must regularly perform reconciliations, send monthly statements, file tax returns and update other accounts. Assists CFO and Sr. Accountants where needed.

**NSEDC has competitive wages and an excellent benefits program!**

For an application or complete job descriptions, check [www.nsedc.com](http://www.nsedc.com) or contact Shara English at (907) 274-2248 (Anchorage), 800-650-2248 (toll-free) or [hr@nsedc.com](mailto:hr@nsedc.com).

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## CAPTAIN & CREWMEMBERS WANTED

**Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation** plans to bring additional tender capacity online this season to better serve the region's fishermen. With the new vessel will come the need for additional captain and crew. NSEDC is seeking candidates for these positions.



Experience is preferred, but NSEDC is willing to train the right individuals. Some minimum qualifications will apply, such as:

- Must be age 18 or older
- Must have high school diploma or GED
- Must be physically able to work on a boat
- Must be able to pass a drug test
- Must be able to work 12 hour days, seven days a week
- Residents of NSEDC member communities preferred

Contact: Shara English at [hr@nsedc.com](mailto:hr@nsedc.com) / (800)650-2248



## NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION

### Seeking Qualified Applicants

◆ **Administrative Assistant in BHS**

Directs callers to the proper person or department while operating a multiple-call telephone switchboard console, facsimile machines and other office equipment

◆ **Phlebotomist**

Perform drug testing and waived screening

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For more information and an up-to-date vacancy list, go to [www.NortonSoundHealth.org](http://www.NortonSoundHealth.org) or Contact Human Resources at (907) 443-4530

NSHC is a drug-free workplace and will apply Alaska Native/American Indian preference for hire (under PL 93-638 and Veteran Preferences)

NSHC will also initiate a criminal history/background check for all positions

## VACANCY NOTICE

**POSITION: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
SALARY: \$8581.00 per month  
(Range 27, Partially Exempt Position)  
LOCATION: ANCHORAGE

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
Received by 5:00 p.m. April 4, 2016  
to be assured of consideration.

The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is recruiting for an Executive Director. The incumbent will be responsible for the planning, budgeting, staffing and overall operation of the Commission, with substantial responsibility for setting and implementing policies.

For more information and instructions on how to apply for this position, please visit the Alaska Human Rights Commission's web site at <http://humanrights.alaska.gov/>. A detailed position description is also available at the Human Rights Commission office at:

800 A Street, Suite 204  
Anchorage, AK 99501-3669  
Telephone: (907) 276-7474, TDD: (907) 276-3177

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## BERING STRAITS REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY

### PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**REPORTS TO:** BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
**Location:** Nome, Alaska  
**Posted on:** March 2, 2016

**Salary:** DOE  
**Status/FLSA:** Full-time, EXEMPT  
**Closing Date:** Open Until Filled

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Under direction of the Board of Commissioners, this is the chief executive position responsible for the day-to-day management and operation of the Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority (BSRHA). This position has executive, administrative, supervisory and management responsibility for the organization. The position provides leadership, guidance and promotes the highest ethical standards to employees; the President/CEO will have ongoing contact with the public and external agencies.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field and five (5) years of relevant work experience in the management and supervision of a public or private entity engaged in housing, construction, lending, social services or related fields; and
- Experience in working with a governing body such as a board of directors, assembly, council, or board of commissioners.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:**

If you would like more information about this vacancy, please contact Matthew Ione at (907) 268-1777 or via email at [mione@bsrha.org](mailto:mione@bsrha.org). If you are interested in applying, please send a resume AND a completed BSRHA employment application electronically to [mione@bsrha.org](mailto:mione@bsrha.org). The employment application can be found at our website ([www.bsrha.org](http://www.bsrha.org)) under the "Jobs Available" section.

If you would like to send a hard copy of your resume and a completed employment application to BSRHA, please send them to:

Bering Straits Regional Housing Authority  
Attention: Matthew Ione  
PO Box 995  
Nome, Alaska 99762

**OR** Fax to: (907) 443-2160  
Attention: Matthew Ione

BSRHA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Preference in the selection of qualified candidates will be provided to Alaska Native/American Indian candidates per applicable law.

[www.bsrha.org](http://www.bsrha.org)  
PO Box 995, Nome, Alaska 99762  
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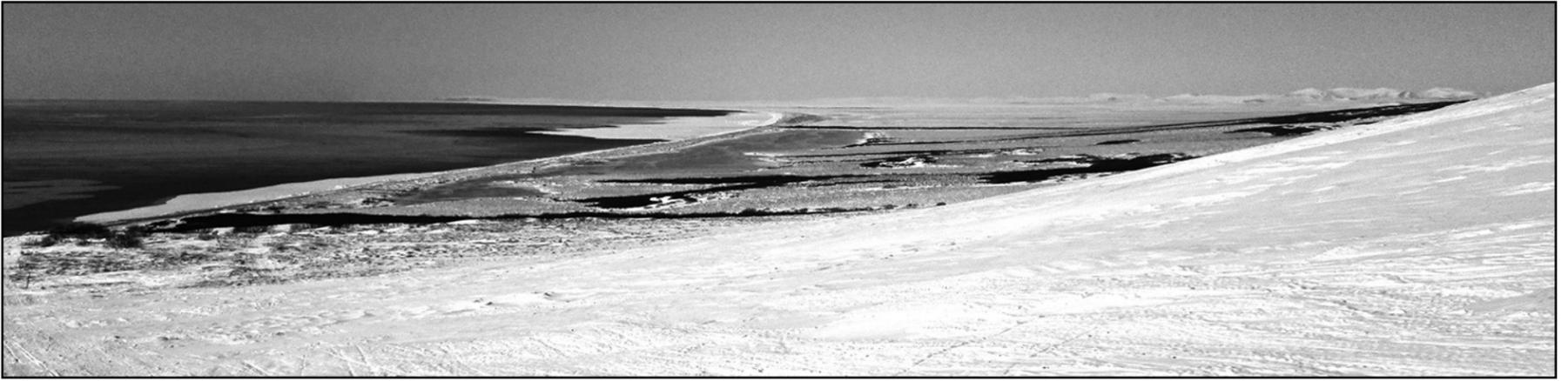


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**Legals**

**Real Estate**

TOPKOK — The Bering Sea is ice free as seen from just above Topkok.



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FURNISH PUMPER TRUCK TO NOME VOL-  
UNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

OWNER: CITY OF NOME  
P.O. BOX 281  
NOME, ALASKA 99762  
907-443-6663 (PHONE)  
907-443-5345 (FAX)  
bhammond@nomealaska.org (EMAIL)

The City of Nome will hereby receive proposals to supply a new pumper truck with a cold-weather package. Interested persons may receive a proposal package by contacting the City Clerk by phone at 907-443-6663 or by email at bhammond@nomealaska.org. Contract Documents will be available after 3:00 PM on March 24, 2016. Interested parties shall register with the City Clerk to ensure proper distribution of addenda. A valid e-mail address must be provided.

One complete set of proposal documents will also be available for review at The Plans Room, 4831 Old Seward Hwy # 102, Anchorage, AK 99503, 907-563-2029. Another complete set of proposal documents will also be available for review at The Associated General Contractors of Alaska, 3750 Bonita Street, Fairbanks, AK 99701, 907-452-1809.

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is April 7, 2016 at 3:00 PM local time and shortly thereafter the proposals will be considered by a panel of appropriate City personnel. Proposals must be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. Hard copies of proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "Proposal Enclosed: Furnish Pumper Truck to Nome Volunteer Fire Department" along with the name and address of the proposer. Faxed and emailed submissions will be considered, but only via the contact information listed above.

The contract will be awarded to the best proposal as determined by the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive irregularities in the proposals.

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**CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE**

**O-16-03-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase and Lease of Real Property by the City of Nome from Sitnasuak Native Corporation by Property Exchange Agreement**

The City of Nome proposes to purchase an approximately 11.7 acre portion of USMS 5270 (commonly known as the White Alice Site) from Sitnasuak Native Corporation by way of an exchange of property from the City of Nome to Sitnasuak Native Corporation (Block 63, Lots 13A and 13B) with said property to be leased back to the City of Nome for five years. The value of the city's interest being exchanged according to current property tax assessment is \$110,000. This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the City Council on February 22, 2016, and was passed to second reading/public hearing/final passage at a regular meeting of the Council on March 28, 2016, where it was tabled until the regular meeting of the Council scheduled for April 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers of City Hall, located at 102 Division Street. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Office of the City Clerk.

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Three bedroom, plus bonus room, walk in heated garage, sunporch, ranch style home for sale. Beautiful established yard, view of Nome and the

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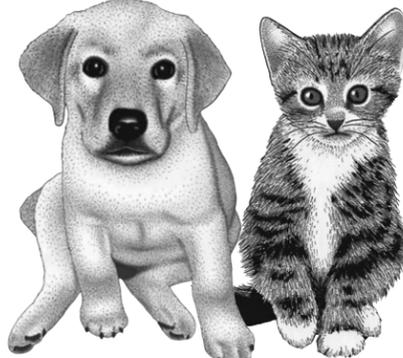


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**Nome Animal Control & Adopt-A-Pet**  
443-8538 or 443-5262

**U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)**

**Notice of Public Meeting**

In March and April, BOEM will hold a series of public meetings to gather public input on a **Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement** prepared in support of the Department of the Interior's proposed 2017-2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

**SCHEDULE (All 7pm-10pm Alaska time, unless otherwise noted)**

- Mar 29 ..... Kotzebue (NWA Heritage Center)
- Mar 29 ..... Kaktovik (Kaktovik Community Center)
- Mar 30 ..... Barrow (Iñupiat Heritage Center)
- Mar 30 ..... Nuiqsut (Kisik Community Center)
- Mar 31 ..... Pt. Lay (Kali School, 3pm-6pm)
- Mar 31 ..... Pt. Hope (Qalgi Center)
- Mar 31 ..... Wainwright (R. James Community Center)
- Apr 04 ..... Fairbanks (Morris Thompson Visitor Center, 101 Dunkel St)
- Apr 05 ..... Anchorage (Embassy Suites, 600 E Benson, 3pm-7pm)
- Apr 06 ..... Ninilchik (Ninilchik School)

[www.boemoceaninfo.com](http://www.boemoceaninfo.com)



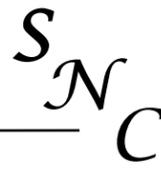


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**NOTICE**

Date: March 21, 2016

To: Shishmaref Native Corporation Shareholders  
From: Shishmaref Native Corporation Board of Directors  
Re: Re-scheduled SNC Annual Meeting of Shareholders

**Re-scheduled Date: April 30, 2016**  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Place: Shishmaref Community Hall

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders is re-scheduled to April 30, 2016 for the purpose of electing three (3) Board of Directors and for transacting other business that may come before the meeting.

**Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**SHAKTOOLIK EVACUATION ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES**

**SHAKTOOLIK, ALASKA**

OWNER: CITY OF SHAKTOOLIK  
P.O. BOX 10  
SHAKTOOLIK, ALASKA 99771  
907-955-3441 (PHONE)  
907-955-3221 (FAX)

The City of Shaktoolik will receive proposals from Offerors to assist the City with the rehabilitation of 1.7 miles of road in Shaktoolik, Alaska. Offerors will provide design and permitting services and project management services during construction.

Interested persons may receive a copy of the request for proposals by registering with the City Clerk by email: [skkcity@arctic.net](mailto:skkcity@arctic.net) or by phone at 907-955-3441. Documents will be available March 31, 2016. Offerors must register with the City Clerk in order to receive any addenda.

One complete request for proposals will also be available for review on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice System.  
<https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>

The deadline for submission of sealed proposals is April 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. local time. Proposals must be submitted to the office of the City Clerk. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked clearly on the envelope as "ATTN: CITY CLERK - Evacuation Road Rehabilitation, DO NOT OPEN" along with the name and address of the Offeror. Fax and/or email submissions are not allowed.

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Photo by Nils Hahn

**KOTZEBUE TEAM—** Paul Hansen of Kotzebue and his 12 teammates approach the beam road 3.5 miles from the finish line on the way to a Nome-Council 200 sled dog race victory.

## Seawall

### NOME POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASES 03/21/2016 through 03/27/2016

**Disclaimer:** This is a record of activity. The issuance of citations or the act of arrest does not assign guilt to any identified party. During this period there were 123 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 49 (40%) involved alcohol. There were 7 arrests made with 5 (71%) alcohol related. **NPD responded to 11 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. None were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 1 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment. There were 4 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.**

#### Monday, March 21

5:18 a.m. NPD officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a female outside of the home causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, contact was made with the reporting party, who indicated that the subject had returned to the residence and agreed to keep the noise down. The reporting party was instructed to call back if the subject continued the disruptive behavior. No further action was required.

11:09 p.m. the Nome Police Department was called to investigate a disturbance on the west side of town. Investigation led to the arrest of Otto Soolook (age 44) for one count of Disorderly Conduct and one Felony count of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender in the First Degree. Soolook was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center and no bail was set.

#### Tuesday, March 22

5:43 p.m. the Nome Police Department was called to a hotel on the west side of town for the report of two adults that were not caring for their infant child. Investigation led to the arrest of Martin Steve (age 36) for Violating his Conditions of Release. Steve was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where bail was set at \$1,000.

#### Wednesday, March 23

5:37 p.m. the Nome Police Department responded to a home on the west side of Nome, Alaska on the report of a possible domestic assault. Investigation led to the arrest of Steven Gillette for Assault in the Fourth Degree and Probation Violation. Gillette was remanded to the Anvil Mountain Correctional Center where no bail was set.

#### Thursday, March 24

11:03 p.m. NPD officers responded to the front of a business on the east side of town for the report of an assault. Upon arrival, the victim was contacted and identified a suspect who had fled the scene prior to Officers arriving. The victim was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and the investigation is ongoing.

#### Friday, March 25

12:50 a.m. NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of two intoxicated subjects causing a disturbance. Upon arrival, the two subjects were contacted and given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct and released at the scene. No further action was required.

1:08 a.m. NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle travelling on the west side of town without a license plate displayed. A traffic stop was conducted and

the investigation revealed that the driver had just purchased the vehicle, but had failed to place the temporary tag in the window. The driver was issued a warning for the violation and was released at the scene without further incident.

11:43 a.m., NPD received a report of a theft at a residence on the east end of town. The investigation revealed that an arrangement had been made for the property approximately one month prior between all parties involved. The individuals involved were advised to seek assistance from the Nome Trial Courts to resolve the civil matter over the ownership of the property. No further action was necessary.

1:26 p.m., NPD received a report of a loose dog that had been captured by a citizen on the east end of town. Officers responded and impounded the dog at the Public Safety Building, where attempts were made to find the owner. The owner was later identified as Adexzo Yuman, who was issued a citation for having an Unlicensed Animal and was issued a verbal warning regarding the dog being at large.

3:14 p.m. NPD officers observed a loose dog on the west end of town. Officers captured the animal and impounded it at NPD. The owner of the dog was found and a citation was issued to Troy Walker for Animal at Large after the animal was returned.

5:56 p.m. NPD received a report of a female refusing to leave the porch of a residence on the west end of town. Officers responded and made contact with a female who stated her belongings were inside the home. Officers assisted the female with the retrieval of her property and she was then provided transportation to a family member's residence for the evening. No further action was necessary.

6:16 p.m., NPD officers, while conducting Foot Patrol behind businesses on Front St, contacted an intoxicated female that appeared to require assistance. The female, identified as April James, was found to be on current Conditions of Release that prohibited the consumption of alcohol. James was subsequently placed under arrest for violating her Conditions of Release and was remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$1,000.00 bail.

9:23 p.m. NPD officers were dispatched to a residence on the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave the premises after multiple requests by the current resident. Upon officers' arrival, the female was identified as Deirda Minix, who was still present within the home. Minix was subsequently placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree and was later remanded to AMCC, where she was held on \$500.00 bail.

10:31 p.m. NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of several intoxicated subjects causing a disturbance within the building. Upon officers' arrival, all parties had quieted down and all involved parties were issued verbal warnings for Disorderly Conduct. No further action was required.

11:15 p.m. NPD received a request to conduct a welfare check on a subject that had not contacted family throughout the day, which was reported to be unusual. Officers arrived at the residence and contacted the subject, whose phone had lost battery power. The subject denied any offers for assistance and indicated once their phone was charged, they would contact the family members that had requested the welfare check. No further assistance was required.

11:46 p.m. NPD received a report of several juveniles that had been left home alone at a residence on the east side of town. Officers responded to the home and contacted the juveniles, as well as the mother, who was found at home taking care of the juveniles present. No further action was necessary.

#### Saturday, March 26

12:52 a.m. NPD officers responded to an apartment complex on the east side of town for the report of a subject attempting to enter an apartment where they were not welcome. Further investigation revealed that the subject had been involved in an al-

tercation at a separate residence. Investigation into the incident is still ongoing.

1:41 a.m. NPD officers received a report of an intoxicated female that required assistance in front of a business on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the subject was contacted, identified and found to be with a friend that was sober. No assistance was required and both parties were released at the scene.

3:18 a.m. NPD officers responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated subject lying next to the roadway. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who provided an address they were able to stay for the evening. The subject was transported to the home and left in the care of sober family members.

9:40 a.m. NPD received a report of an elderly male that needed assistance getting up because he had fallen. Officers responded and assisted the male in returning to his bed. The male essentially stated he did not need to go to the hospital or need an ambulance and was advised to dial 911 if any further assistance was needed.

12:21 p.m., NPD received a report of a minor on the east end of town that was locked out of their residence. Officers made contact with the juvenile, who had already made it back inside of the residence. The juvenile stated they were locked out because their parents were asleep and locked the door. The parents were informed of the situation and no further action was required.

4:40 p.m. NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle fail to come to a complete stop at a stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver, identified as Peter Rob, was unable to provide current proof of insurance. Rob was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Proof of Insurance and was issued a warning for running the stop sign and non-operational taillight. No further enforcement action was taken.

10:20 p.m. NPD officers were dispatched to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for the report of a subject refusing to exit a restroom to be medically evaluated. Upon arrival, officers were able to coax the subject out the restroom and medical care was resumed without issue. No further action was necessary.

10:58 p.m. NPD officers responded to an apartment complex on the west side of town for the report of a female refusing to leave at the request of the current occupant. Upon arrival, the female had already fled the scene and the reporting party was instructed to call back if the female returned. The reporting party was provided information regarding how to obtain a protective order as well. No further assistance was required.

11:23 p.m. NPD officers responded to the NEST Shelter for the report of a subject causing a disturbance within the building. Upon arrival, the subject was not observed causing a disturbance and was given a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct. No further action was necessary.

#### Sunday, March 27

12:27 a.m. NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a vehicle parked illegally in front of a fire hydrant on the west end of town. Officers identified the owner as Adem Boeckmann, who had yet to register the vehicle in his name. Boeckmann was issued a citation for Failing to Register his Vehicle and was issued a warning for Improper Parking in front of a fire hydrant. The vehicle was moved voluntarily and no further enforcement action was required.

9:12 p.m. NPD CSO responded to the front of an establishment on the west side of town for the report of a male lying on the ground outside. The male was contacted, identified, and was transported to the NEST shelter for the evening.

10:10 p.m. NPD received a noise complaint regarding a barking dog outside of a residence on the west side of town. Upon arrival, contact was made with the owners, who brought the dog inside for the evening to prevent any further disturbances to neighbors.

## Court

### Week ending 3/25

#### Civil

No current civil filed (start 2NO-16-00065CI)

#### Small Claims

No current claims filed (start 2NO-16-00005SC)

### Criminal

State of Alaska v. Otto Soolook (9/6/71); CTN 001: Failure to Register; CTN II, Chrgs Dismissed: Disorderly Conduct; Date of Violation: 3/21/16; 180 days, 0 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 CTS; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within

10 days.

State of Alaska v. Marvin Okleasik (11/25/57); Criminal Trespass 2°; Date of Violation: 3/19/16; 72 hours, 0 hours suspended; Unsuspended 72 hours shall be served; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days.

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# Nome-Council 200 sled dog race

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team was prepared for the windy conditions. He planned to stop for a few hours on the way to Council, but ran straight through due to the wind.

"That was a very tough run," Haecker agreed. Since Nome has had a windy winter, Haecker and her team were prepared for the weather, but the conditions still surprised her. Haecker praised her dogs for their effort during the storm. "They just kept motoring. It took a lot of courage to get through that," she said.

Haecker explained that she expected the wind to die down once she reached the Topkok hills, but she said it blew even harder. "It just took you like a rag doll and pushed the team sideways." The wind pushed her sled, which weighed about 60 pounds, into the tripods and over on its side time and time again. Each time, she had to turn it over and get back on the runners.

She had to stop often to remove the ice that formed around her dogs' eyes and chins, but neglected to pull up her own ruff. She needed to give her team commands to find the best way through the snowdrifts, and couldn't do so if she couldn't see her surroundings. It wasn't until she walked into the warmth of the Council cabin that she realized she couldn't move her face.

Teams rested at Garrett Glodek's camp in Council during their layover. Hansen was already a few hours ahead of Haecker when he arrived at the halfway point at 7:42 p.m., and he decided to give his team a longer rest. He and Haecker were the only mushers to make it to the halfway point.

Luckily for racers, Sunday brought calm winds and more sun. "The return trip was glorious," Hansen said. In fact, he enjoyed the journey so much he and his team added extra, albeit unintentional, loop. After crossing the Beam Road on his way to town, Hansen followed the wrong set of trail stakes. "It turns out there's lots of stakes in Nome," Hansen laughed. He ended up going across the Nome-Teller Highway before realizing he had taken the wrong trail.

Haecker also had a successful run back. "It was just as beautiful as it could be, you could see for 50 miles (on the Topkok hills)," she said. Since there was no wind, Haecker had to worry about her team overheating. She opted to rest for

two hours in Solomon before making the final push home.

Hansen won the race with time to spare, despite his detour. He finished with all 12 dogs at 6:05 p.m. on Sunday evening, about five hours before the second place competitor, Haecker. Haecker pulled into Nome at 10:58 p.m. with a wind-burned face and 10 dogs. This year's finish contrasted with last year's, when conditions were pleasant and Tom Jamgochian defeated Rolland Trowbridge by eight minutes.

Hansen is currently preparing for the Kobuk 440, and said the Nome-Council race provided a good, long training run.

Haecker also mentioned the rough trail. She said that, while most sections of the trail were perfect, the stretch between Solomon and Topkok had a lot of bare ground and beach that made for rough going. Crossing glare ice and dodging around pieces of driftwood in the windstorm was also a challenge for the mushers.

Musher Stephanie Johnson scratched outside of Topkok. The bare trail was hard on her sled and a piece of driftwood broke one of her sled runners. Pebbles jammed

between the plastic and metal of her runners and froze. When Johnson was almost a quarter of the way into the race, a six-inch crack developed in the metal of her sled runner. She guesses that the rocks and sand that were embedded in her runner had weakened the metal, and the frozen, exposed gravel on the trail did not help.

Although Johnson froze her fingers in the process, she could not completely rid the plastic of the mass of ice, snow and rocks. She cleaned the plastic as best she could and left Topkok. A few miles into the Topkok hills, it became evident that the plastic wouldn't hold. She brought extra runner plastic, but the compromised section of runner would not allow it to stay put. The runner kept digging into the snow, making more resistance for the dogs. "I realized I had over 30 miles (to Council) and I didn't want to endanger myself or my dogs," Johnson said of her decision to scratch.

After spending the night in Topkok, Johnston and her team were able to mush home. "I couldn't be more proud of my dogs," she said. The animals waited pa-

tiently while she stopped frequently to re-adjust her runner.

Reese Madden was significantly behind the pack throughout the race and diverted to White Mountain. He arrived there on Sunday. White Mountain is not a checkpoint in the official route of the race. According to NKC officials he wanted to make it back to Nome on his own power as of Monday night.

The race airplane support to fly food drops to Council and to fly dropped dogs back to Nome. Three planes were in the Council checkpoint, and a veterinarian from Anchorage was flown in. The vet examined the dogs when they arrived and before they left Council. The veterinarian also saw pet patients in Nome, prior and after the sled dog race.

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### 2016 Nome-Council 200 race results:

1. Paul Hansen 32 hours 6 minutes
  2. Diana Haecker 37 hours 2 minutes
- Stephanie Johnson scratched at Topkok (outbound)  
Reese Madden (did not finish as of press time)



Photo by Nils Hahn

**KOBUK 440 NEXT**— Race winner Paul Hansen will next race his team on April 7 in the Kobuk 440 (miles) from Kotzebue to Ambler and back.



Photo by Dough Doherty

**TRAIL CHECK**— Race judge Chrystie Salesky talks to Reese Madden while traveling the trail.



Photo by Janice Doherty

**IT TAKES TWO**— Margaret Hansen greets one of her dogs after her husband crosses the finish line in Nome.



Photo by Dough Doherty

**NIGHT RUN**— A musher travels by the beam of a headlamp during the Nome-Council 200.



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**STORMY**— The dog team of Stephanie Johnson battle the wind during the Nome-Council 200 dog sled race.

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