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WEARING THE GREEN— St. Patrick's Day parade participants gathered under the Iditarod's burlwood arch at the end of the parade.

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Fast trail allows Iditarod 44 to wrap up in 13 days

By Diana Haecker

Mary Helwig, the last musher in this year's Iditarod, arrived under the burlwood arch on Saturday March 19.

Helwig extinguished the widow's lantern well before Sunday finisher's banquet and with her arrival in

Nome, Iditarod 44 wrapped up fast with several records broken.

Winner Dallas Seavey shaved nearly two hours off his record he set in 2014 with eight days, 13 hours and four minutes. His 2016 run time was eight days, 11 hours and 20 minutes.

If it wouldn't have been for his son, runner-up Mitch Seavey would now be the record holder as he finished the race in eight days, 12 hours and five minutes.

Tipping his hat to her great competitive spirit and ability to drive a

dog team, Mitch Seavey joked that Aliy Zirkle was the only person who finished second to a Seavey more often than he has. This is the second year that Mitch came in second place after his son Dallas.

Third place finisher Aliy Zirkle arrived in Nome seven hours and 12 minutes after Dallas Seavey claimed his fourth championship title.

When usually the first mushers arrive on Tuesday evening, this year saw the winner come in the early morning hours and throughout the day, the siren kept sounding the arrival of musher after musher. That

day alone, a big field of 19 competitive mushers came across the finish line, under bright blue skies, to a warm welcome from Nomeites, fans and their families. Noah Burmeister, born and raised in Nome, arrived in eleventh place in Nome. After having not run the race in 10 years, when he ran a "puppy" team for his brother Aaron, this year, he drove Alaskan Wildstyle Racing Kennel's A-team, which propelled him to the honor of receiving the award for the most improved musher.

The next Nomeite to arrive under

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Council looks twice at port rate increase

By Sandra L. Medearis

The Nome Common Council will again on March 28 consider a rate increase of 10 percent across the board at Port of Nome. At its last meeting earlier in March, the panel tabled a vote on a revised port tariff document pending more information from Julie Liew, finance director for City of Nome.

Looking over figures provided by Port of Nome administration, a trend analysis on increased expense and revenue items using spending year 2011-2012 as a base year, shows significant raises in personnel and operating costs each year through the approved amended budget for 2015-2016.

For administrative personnel expense, the 2011-2012 base is \$281,504. Fiscal year 2012-2013 shows a 35 percent increase in that expense followed the next year, in 2013-2014, by a 61 percent increase in administrative personnel expenses. The year 2014-2015 figures show a whopping increase of 120 percent, followed by the 2015-2016 amended approved budget showing a 104 percent increase in administrative personnel costs.

At the same time, the increase in total expenses from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 has been 40 percent, compared to increases of personnel costs by over 100 percent.

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Photo by Maisie Thomas

HOME— Nome's Tom Jamgochian finished his first Iditarod at 2:45 a.m. on Friday morning. Jamgochian completed the race in 11 days, 11 hours, 45 minutes to finish in 57th place.

Nome's new museum opens its doors for Iditarod week

By Mary Pemberton

Nome's Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum opened its doors in the new Richard Foster building for Iditarod with a week-long roster of events in which several notable visitors stopped by, including 2016 third-place finisher Aliy Zirkle and Seavey family patriarch Dan Seavey, grandfather and father to this year's champion and runner-up.

Amy Phillips-Chan, director of

the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum, welcomed visitors Thursday and took a small group on a tour of the new museum slated to open later this year in a \$16.8 million multi-purpose building that also holds the library and the Katirvik Cultural Center.

In addition to museum tours, the week-long schedule of events included building a dog sled with Charlie Lean, stories from the trail with Howard Farley, "The First Great Race" book signing with Dan Seavey, a film screening of Diomed/King Island Dancing with Ray Paniataaq and Iditarod Adventures with four-time Iditarod champion Martin Buser.

Phillips-Chan, who holds a doctorate in art history and anthropology from Arizona State University, said the museum will officially open Oct. 29 with introductory exhibits on display. A second opening with more exhibits is scheduled for next year. The old museum building on Front

Street could hold only about five percent of the collection, Phillips-Chan said. The new museum space is about 6,000 square feet with more than half of that devoted to the main exhibition hall, empty now except for a couple of dog sleds. The museum's exhibition cases will arrive by barge this fall.

The museum is being designed around five main themes: Alaska Native objects, gold mining and the ivory trade in the early 1900s, the building of homes and businesses on Front Street, the transition to Nome today and the city now and in the future.

The main 3,700-square-foot gallery is done in muted tones of brown and gray, and has low-impact tract lighting and reclaimed oak floors with a linseed oil and wax finish. The space is calming.

"We really see this as a place for the community to come and check

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Photo by Mary Pemberton

SNEAK PEEK— Nome's Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum opened its doors to visitors during last week's Iditarod.

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Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

END OF THE TRAIL— An Iditarod finisher rests in the sun on a bed of straw in Nome.

Letters

Dear Editor,
In the news is " Campus gun bill before committee." There is nothing more important in the world for a student to get an A in their class. An armed student is in a much better position to negotiate with the teacher to get an A in class than an unarmed student. A student has to do whatever they have to do to get that A in class. Alaska needs their students to get as many A's as possible and if that means arming students to get an A, well so be it.

John Suter
Chugiak, AK

Dear Editor:
I pray that you are having a great Lent and will be truly blessed as you celebrate the Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Myself, I will celebrate with the parishes in the villages of Unalakleet, St. Michael, and Stebbins – all on the east and south-east shoreline of Norton Sound.

My reason for this general mailing is not to tell you where I will celebrate Holy Week in my fiftieth Year of Priesthood, but to tell you of the celebration being planned for this God-given milestone in my ministry to His people here in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

You may have received mailings from me for years, but many who know of the early years of my ministry here are now celebrating eternity with the One who called me to serve His People in Seward's Folly. They also now know the whole story of my journey to Priesthood. But that is another story – to be told at another time.

After spending two plus months during the summer of 1965 in the newly created Diocese of Fairbanks (August 8, 1962), the Most Reverend Francis D. Gleeson, SJ asked me to join him in ministry to the people of northern Alaska. He consented to my request to ordain me in my parent's Parish in Mt. Angel, Oregon.

On April 22, 1966, in St. Mary Church, I had the grace and blessing to be ordained a priest of the northernmost Diocese on the North American Continent.

On April 24, 2016 I will humbly celebrate my Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination at my mother's Parish in Woodburn, Oregon. That is correct – my parents chose to spend the last years of their lives attending the Parish of St. Luke, Woodburn, Oregon.

I joyfully look forward to celebrating this moment in my life, hav-

ing believed during my years living along the southwest coast of Alaska I would never live long enough to retire. In my first twenty-five years I had so many adventures – some would call them misadventures – on snowmobiles, skiffs, and even in my own airplane. Yes, I was an FAA approved pilot and as such picked up one of my nicknames: Father Crash.

I invite you to join with me in giving glory, praise, and thanks to our kind and merciful God for his blessings to me and, through me, to the folks I lived with and ministered to over the years.

The celebration will be on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

At: St. Luke Parish, 417 Harrison Street, Woodburn, Oregon.

I look forward to praying with you and visiting with you afterwards in the Parish Hall. If you cannot be there – for whatever reason – be assured that I will continue to pray for you and your loved ones each and every time of I pray the Mass throughout this, my anniversary year.

May you experience God's merciful presence this Triduum and Easter.

Father John Hinsvark
Anchorage, AK

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

Editorial

Catching Our Breath

Iditarod is over. The last musher and tail has crossed under the burlled arch, the widow's lamp has been extinguished and all is well in western Alaska.

It is now when Nomeites and all who live and work along the trail can sit back and assess the pros and cons of Iditarod and the Spirit of Volunteerism in Alaska. Nomeites are unique in their willingness to pitch in and do things that benefit the greater good of our community. We also benefit from the multitude of Iditarod volunteers who come to Nome to help with the Iditarod events such as basketball concessions, radio communications, feeding and care of dogs on the dog lot, and events at the Iditarod headquarters and at the Musher's Banquet.

We have placed Nome into the spotlight and the good publicity we gain has no price tag. It comes from our good will and untiring readiness to have fun and entertain our guests, family and friends at a time of year where cabin fever can inflict darkness into our lives. — N.L.M.—

OP-Ed: Ten Commandments for open meetings

By Brian J. Hunhoff

"I think heroic deeds were all conceived in the open air."

The quote above this editorial is from Walt Whitman's Song of the Open Road – a cheerful 1856 tribute to freedom and the great outdoors.

Hopefully, Mr. Whitman would have approved use of his prose to promote open, well-aired government. It's unlikely the great poet favored government secrecy and closed-door meetings. He also wrote, "Out of the dark confinement, out from behind the screen!"

For today's purposes, Whitman's "screen" represents the executive session – a self-important term for a classic oxymoron: closed public meeting.

Too many elected boards seek every opportunity to meet out of sight of the public they serve. Some schedule executive sessions as a regular agenda item. Some hold up to three executive sessions in a single meeting. Some have executive sessions that last longer than the open portion of their meeting.

In most cases, executive sessions do not violate open meeting laws. The closed-door discussions are often suggested or encouraged by an elected board's legal counsel.

But legality and necessity are two different things.

Consider the following list our Fourth Estate counsel to county commissions, city councils, and school boards everywhere on executive sessions and general government openness. Citizens should hold their elected officials to the standards below.

These are Ten Commandments for Open Meetings:

ONE: Do not gather as a quorum outside of regular meetings, and do not hold special meetings without giving at least 24 hours public notice.

TWO: Do not habitually add last-minute items to the agenda, and do not act on anything not listed on the posted agenda.

THREE: Do not abuse the litigation excuse for executive sessions to speculate about possible or imagined lawsuits.

FOUR: Do not stretch the personnel excuse for executive sessions to discuss policy issues. Example: Creating a new position or changing a department's job descriptions are policy decisions and not appropriate topics for a closed meeting.

FIVE: Do not dial up the "negotiations" excuse to suddenly exclude the public from discussion of contro-

versial issues that were previously aired thoroughly in open session.

SIX: Do not allow executive session conversations to stray to other topics.

SEVEN: Do not violate the spirit of the open meeting law with frequent phone, email or text dialogues with other members. Reach consensus at the meeting.

EIGHT: Do not make a habit of whispering or passing notes at meetings. You were elected to speak for us. Tell what you have to say out loud and proud!

NINE: Allow public input at every meeting. Include it on every agenda.

TEN: Be as transparent as possible. Do not hold executive sessions simply because counsel advised it is "legal" to do so. Ask yourself: "Is it absolutely critical we discuss this privately?"

That should be the test because legality and necessity are two different things.

We appreciate our local commissioners and board members. They serve for minimal compensation. They make tough decisions. They sometimes lose friends and make en-

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However, the 2015-2016 approved budget shows a loss of \$1,120,050.

Members of the public, who attended the Council meeting March 7, including Ken Hughes, Nome Chamber of Commerce president, took the podium regarding the port rate increase. They said they did not want to see a 10-percent port rate increase make current high prices of consumer goods reach for the sky. Several members of the public and the Council said the presentation of the budgets and spread sheets was not easily understood.

Council members, who were holding a public hearing concomitant with a vote for final approval, decided to table consideration pending return of Julie Liew, finance director.

"To justify a 10 percent increase, to begin with, they need to pull their heads out of their butts and give us a budget that at least a rocket scientist can understand," Hughes said Monday.

Yeah, but —

Joy Baker, port director, issued a "state of the port" report in February that set the table for the rate increase.

The port and harbor facility started operating in 1987 following completion of the causeway. The facility showed revenue from cargo and fuel coming in, with fairly low operating costs, but construction loan payments made the books show a low to negative profit from FY 89 to FY 94. The figures turned positive in 1995 when the City achieved a 10-year moratorium on payments to NOAA on the CEIP loan, leaving only the Farmers Home loan payment. The 10-year reprieve resulted from lack of offshore development after the Causeway construction. This allowed a modest but increasing profit that helped to establish and grow a rainy day fund, or Port Fund Balance for future repairs and maintenance, Baker said.

Through the 1990s, port activity increased gradually allowing light staffing. Port expansion began in FY 2002 and continued through FY 2007 in coordination with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, with other harbor infrastructure paid by the City of Nome mostly through grant funds from NSEDC and state Economic Development Administration. However, expansion raised revenues, but also operating expenses.

The port paid off the Farmers Home loan in FY 2002, with the NOAA payments not due to resume until FY2009. Sufficient annual profits continued allowing the City to provide matching money for more sheet pile dock and floats in the harbor, as well as the City's match to the USACE for replacing two federal

sheet pile docks on the south and east sides of the harbor, Baker's report continued.

The port hired two additional employees to handle increased port traffic.

Docking permits increased in 2010. Then the modern day off shore gold rush began in Nome. According to Baker, the number of gold dredges doubled in 2011, and that number tripled in summer 2012. The number of dredges plus support craft has remained constant in the 110-125 range through the 2013-2015 seasons, plus fishing boats, fishing tenders and sailboats entering or finishing the Northwest Passage.

"These factors mandated two more staff in 2012, resulting in increased labor costs, but were directly attributable to the surge in vessel traffic," Baker reported.

Indeed, since 2012, administrative personnel costs have been on average 80 percent higher than in 2012, subject to when the hire occurred in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Increased demand on uplands storage and a backlog of vessels waiting to get into port consumed staff time, Baker said, and the port needed more land, leading to the Port of Nome buying 18 acres at a cost of \$1 million, which subtracted from the fund balance rainy day account."

The land purchase, added to bidding and design costs not covered by grants, plus periodic 25 percent or 50 percent construction grant matches put a strain on the fund balance.

"Therefore, the increased operating costs and significant use of the fund balance dictated a rate increase to maintain fiscal health," Baker said.

In response, the Port of Nome contracted a study from Northern Economics in February 2013 that advocated a 50 percent rate increase, but conceded a less harsh response would be incremental raises. The Nome Port Commission voted, and received Council approval, to increase rates by 10 percent in 2013 and five percent in 2014 and 2015. The Port Commission voted last month to raise rates by 10 percent this season. That approval is before the Council now.

With increasing traffic driving labor costs, the NOAA bond payment through 2038, more infrastructure to maintain and expansion needed up the Snake River to ease the crowded inner harbor, rates must continue to be analyzed each year, Baker concluded.

Again, lack of offshore development due to falling oil prices put a moratorium on offshore development and development of a deep-draft port expansion. From where will come a moratorium on port expenses?



Photo by Sandra L. Medearis

HERE IT COMES—Crews from New Horizons Telecom are getting an early start on summer season's work to bring a cable into town to provide high-speed Internet connectivity to Nome via a spur from a subsea cable offshore as a segment of the Quintillion Subsea Operations project.

Crews are installing light-speed Internet

By Sandra L. Medearis

High-speed fiber-optic broadband for Nome is inching closer to its projected availability come March next year. Terrestrial based broadband connectivity is available in Nome and Kotzebue, but limited bandwidth is available.

Quintillion Subsea Operations, based in Anchorage, is running a 766-mile subsea cable system from Nome to Prudhoe Bay, with spurs coming off to village landings at Kotzebue, Point Hope, Wainwright, Barrow and Oliktok Point. The project will link a new fiber optic line with an existing North Slope land-based fiber optic line to bring high speed Internet to the six communities in Western Alaska.

While projects plans have been underway for several years, sidewalk superintendents will now be able to see continuing evidence of progress, as crews this year get an early start on the cable's path from a shore landing site on Nome-Council Highway going into downtown Nome. The cable promises to bring high speed Internet and improved telecommunications to Nome, with expanded access to telemedicine and education.

Earth moving equipment started digging westward March 16 along Tobuk Alley to bring the cable to Quintillion Fiber's base station in the Tel-Alaska building at West First Avenue and Lane's Way.

Last year subcontractors established a "manhole" on the north side

of East Front Street where a narrow fiber-optic cable will come ashore from a subsea cable bringing in and sending out information coded in light waves. Quintillion is using horizontal directional drilling rather than open trenching to minimize impacts on the environment, including water and beach erosion.

On March 16, construction crews from New Horizons Telecom Inc. of Palmer began working in Tobuk Alley on the east end of town near N Street and to dig westward toward L Street. The work is preparing a sector of the route by installing conduit to receive the buried terrestrial cable connecting to equipment at Tel Alaska. With that segment completed Monday, subcontractors New Horizons Telecom Inc. repositioned the equipment to tackle the next stretch between L Street and I Street.

Quintillion is still working with local entities, including City of Nome and Nome Joint Utility Systems to winnow through rights-of-way to complete the path to West Second Avenue and Lane's Way.

Overall, the final route map will look something like this, subject to changes requested by City of Nome and rights-of-way adjustments: The spur will come ashore from the subsea cable at a manhole installed last summer on Nome Council Road, then come along East Front Street, turn right and travel up "N" Street to make a left onto Tobuk Alley; go along Tobuk Alley westward to "East "F" Street where the cable would

turn south to East King's Place, take a right turn and continue to the crossing of Steadman Street and westward now on West King's Place to Spokane Street; finally, turn left down Spokane, go south to First Avenue, take a right turn and travel less than a block to the rear of the Tel-Alaska office lot.

The City of Nome has supported Quintillion's application for a permit from the U.S Army Corps of Engineers to bring the spurs ashore from the subsea cable.

Quintillion representatives planned to meet with City of Nome officials Wednesday, March 23, to firm up the cable route into Nome.

Quintillion is a carrier's carrier that will sell broadband wholesale to any local provider, thus fostering competition and economical service. Quintillion expects ISPs to pass the savings on to customers.

Quintillion's business will be carrier neutral; all telecoms—GCI, ATT, Verizon, etc. — can purchase and use the network. Although Quintillion has established its landing station at Tel-Alaska, no carrier has an exclusive contract, according to Elizabeth Pierce, CEO.

Quintillion and NHTI have been providing progress reports to the community via Nome Announce e-mail messages.

State and federal permits for the project have been filed and are moving forward.

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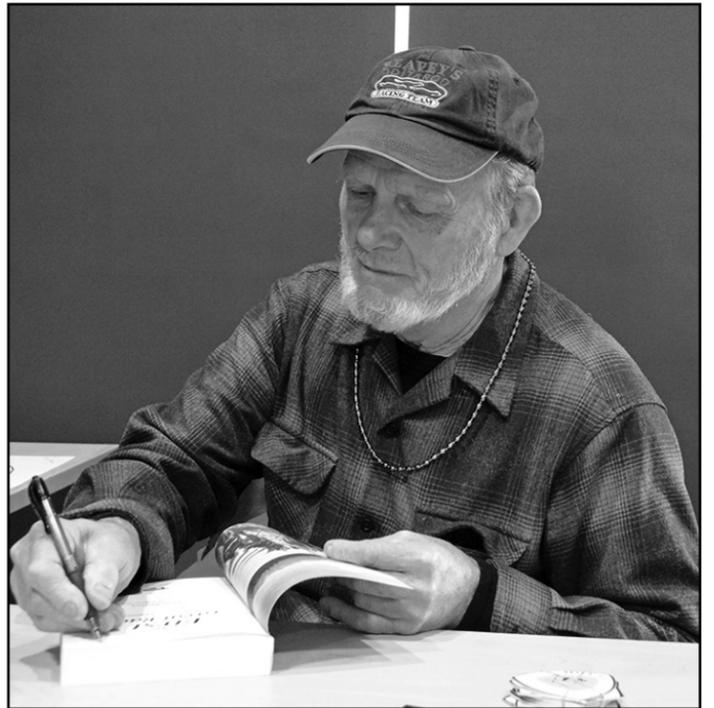
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NEW MUSEUM SPACE— Musher Aliy Zirkle poses with a sled built by Charlie Lean during the week-long Iditarod tour of the new museum space at the Richard Foster Building.

Photos by Mary Pemberton



BOOK-SIGNING— Seavey family patriarch Dan Seavey signs his book "The First Great Race" for visitors during Iditarod and a week-long schedule of events at the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum. The museum opens officially in October.

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out the collection," Phillips-Chan said.

Phillips-Chan places the emphasis on community. One of the special things about the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum is that the collection — including 15,000 objects; 12,000 photographs and negatives; and 150 square feet of archival letters, diaries and paper documents — is right here in Nome, she said.

Interior design company Formations Inc. in Portland has a \$1 million contract to do the museum's concept and design work — the building of display cases, and designing graphics and large murals. Plans call for a mini video theater

and a large cylinder hanging from the ceiling that will display "skylines" such as the Northern Lights and a snowstorm.

Phillips-Chan took pride in showing off the museum to visitors, pointing to a mobile shelving system for optimum use of space and easy access storage drawers, as well as a floor-to-ceiling storage racks.

"We are one of the few, smaller museums to have a great shelving system like this," she said, as she rotated very large black handles that glided the storage units on tracks across the floor.

In another room just off the loading dock, there is what looks like an ordinary chest freezer, but it isn't. It is an ultra-low temperature freezer

with temperatures at minus 45°F to kill any pests that come in on natural materials such as old fur parkas, ivory, wood and whale bones.

About two-thirds of the museum's collection is catalogued so far. It was gathered from seven different facilities in the city. A comprehensive inventory began about a year ago, Phillips-Chan said. The museum's long-term exhibits will be on display for at least 10 years with special exhibition galleries changed about every six months. A lot of the items in the museum collection are small pieces: harpoon heads, sewing needles, scrapers and ivory carvings. Some of the items had been in boxes for the last 50 years, she said.



IDITAROD TIME— Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum Director Amy Phillips-Chan takes visitors on a museum tour.

Bernie Sanders campaign visits Nome before caucus

By Diana Haecker

With the Alaska Democratic Caucus coming up on Saturday, March 26, a representative from the Bernie Sanders campaign traveled to Nome last week to connect with supporters and activists in the region.

Paul Himmelstein, uncomfortable with his title "campaign director", said his purpose was to bring the community of Sanders supporters together, answer questions about how the caucus system works and to create a support system for backers of Sanders in his bid to win the Democratic nomination to run for president of the United States.

"It's not just about this election," Himmelstein said. "It's about creating and building a movement based on ideals such as equity and health care as a right to make this historic moment through the next five to ten years."

Himmelstein said the cornerstones of the Sanders campaign are investing in education, treating health care as a right, building gender equity in jobs and generally creating economic opportunity for all. The overarching

goal is to level the economic playing field in order to create true freedom for Americans, he said. This can be reached by "enabling personal freedom that protects the individual from the overwhelming injustice that can be caused by the wealthy," Himmelstein said.

Himmelstein explained that Sanders views that health care should be considered a right because at this day and age, it is readily available. As for education, a top priority, Sanders proposes to levy a tax on Wall Street transactions to raise \$330 billion over a time period of ten years to invest in universities. "It's not meant to make all schools public, but students shouldn't go \$80,000 into debt by the time they are 23 years old," Himmelstein said. In the national campaign, Sanders focuses on a redistribution of wealth, job creation, tuition free education, fighting climate change and a fair immigration system reform.

Asked about the reactions he received while traveling to Alaska hub communities, Himmelstein said that the internet and social media allowed

Sen. Sanders' message to reach the far corners of Alaska. He said one person in Kotzebue rattled off all the statistics used by the national Sanders campaign. Another had watched every debate and was well-informed. "One reason why our campaign has a great foundation is because the internet allows communication and messaging when the mainstream media doesn't," Himmelstein said. "Facebook allows for communities to built outside of physical borders and allows for Bernie's message to resonate in a way never before seen," he added. By community he refers to the groups of people from all across the nation in support of Sanders. "Facebook allows them to find each other and don't feel isolated," he said.

Himmelstein added that he spends much time explaining the caucus voting system to people. The caucus system, different from a preference poll, where people vote with a ballot, works by caucus members raising their hands or standing in a designated area in the room for their preferred candidate. According to the

Alaska Democratic Party rules, if less than 15 percent of members form a group for a specific candidate, they are asked to realign and join another group or candidate. The Alaska Democrats convene on May 13-15 to elect their delegates to the national convention. They elect delegates in proportion to the votes received by each candidate.

Caucus gatherings in House District 39 will be held on March 26 in Nome, at the Polar Café, in Koyuk at the Malimiut School library and in

Unalakleet at the home of Chuck Degnan.

Bernie Sanders is a former, long-time Congressman and now two-term Senator from Vermont.

A Hillary Clinton campaign representative has not visited Nome yet.

Himmelstein, traveling to Alaska from his home in California, also visited Kotzebue, Kodiak, Bethel and Dillingham.

The Sanders campaign for Alaska has offices in Fairbanks and Anchorage.



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HOME TO NOME— Melissa Owens Stewart runs her dog team towards the finish line on Nome's East Beach on Thursday evening. She finished the race in 49th position.

Nome's Melissa Owens Stewart completes second Iditarod

By Maisie Thomas

Melissa Owens Stewart, formerly of Nome, finished her second Iditarod last Thursday.

Stewart completed the race in 11 days, 3 hours, 29 minutes with a team of nine dogs. "The race went really well, we had a couple of injuries early on, but were able to work through them," Stewart said. Several of her dogs developed muscular injuries early on in the race, so she spent a lot of time massaging her team. The massages worked and allowed the team to carry on and finish strong. Stewart said the dogs actually looked better at the end of the race than they did midway through, even though she had to drop seven dogs due to injuries.

Stewart created a race plan, but had to deviate from it because her dogs were not as mentally prepared as she would have liked. Stewart was born and raised in Nome, but now

lives in Wasilla. Snow was a rare commodity in the southern part of Alaska this year, so Stewart did not get in the quality of training she had planned to. To get in long runs on a sled, Stewart had to truck her dogs to Willow or Cantwell. Ultimately, her dogs were not as prepared for the mental grind of the Iditarod as Stewart hoped they would be.

Stewart has a kennel of about 50 dogs, but most of them have never been to Nome. "It was a huge learning experience for them," she said of her young team. Only dog in her Iditarod line-up had finished the race before, and she dropped him in McGrath. Once the team realized, "that there was an end to this, that I'm not totally crazy," as Stewart put it, they persevered.

Stewart said that she felt good both mentally and physically throughout the race. "I felt great the whole way," Stewart said. Without a

doubt, she said, her favorite part of the race was finishing.

She said the trail was good, and very fast. Surprisingly, Stewart said, the hard packed snow did not take a toll on her sled, and she was able to use the same one for the entire race.

After running the Junior Iditarod four times and winning in 2005, Stewart ran her first Iditarod in 2008. She finished in 30th place, making her the youngest woman to cross under the burlled arch. Stewart started the race in 2009 and again in 2011, but scratched both times. After taking a few years off from The Last Great Race, Stewart and her husband Jason decided it was time for her to return. Stewart said the main difference between the 2016 Iditarod and her past races is that she ran a completely different team.

Stewart said she plans to return to the race next year, and hopes to bring a more experienced dog team.



Photo by Nils Hahn

ALMOST THERE— Melissa Owens Stewart brings her dog team off the Nome River and heads toward town. She finished the 2016 Iditarod in 11 days, three hours and 29 minutes.

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the burlled arch was Melissa Owens Stewart, who finished in 49th place on March 17, with a run time of 11 days, three hours and 29 minutes (see story above).

Nome's Tom Jamgochian ran his first Iditarod and earned his Iditarod finisher belt buckle when he arrived in Nome in 57th position after 11 days 11 hours and 45 minutes on the trail.

As Dallas Seavey put it in his speech, every musher has to come to terms with a set of challenges along the trail. Jamgochian's challenges presented themselves early on in the race. On the way to the ceremonial start, his truck was hit by a car running a stop sign and slamming into his vehicle. He still managed to show up on time to the start. At the Willow restart, Jamgochian, a brand new father to a baby girl, born on January 16 had to kiss his wife Amy and baby Magda good-bye and hit the long Iditarod trail. "Amy snuck in pictures of Magda and little notes in my food drop bags, so that kept me going when I hit my lows," Jamgochian said. Fighting off a chest cold and the excitement of the race kept the Nome musher from sleeping for the first several days of the race. "Coming into Nikolai, I was wildly hallucinating from lack of sleep and finally was able to get two hours of sleep there," he said. Pulling into Ruby his chest cold had worsened to the point where he couldn't breathe and needed medicine from the health clinic, which opened for him at midnight. "I said, hey, I'm on a schedule I need to leave at 1 a.m. and they opened the clinic for me to give me meds that let me breathe again," he said. According to Jamgochian, he experienced the lowest point in his race right there. In addition to his own health problems and the lack of sleep, a race veterinarian discovered shoulder issues on four of his sled dogs. "I thought I had to scratch right then and there," Jamgochian said.

However, the race vet talked him into continuing the race. So he did, albeit in a bad mood that the dogs picked up on. Three miles out of Ruby, the dogs turned around and bunched up into a knot that Jamgochian could only untangle by turning the team of 12 dogs loose on the Yukon.

He straightened them out, hooked them back on the gang line and spent the next 45 minutes talking to them. "That taught me a lesson," he said. "You gotta stay happy for the dogs, you can't be in a bad mood." After this, his race improved, he said. He managed to get used to getting by with two hours of sleep a day and the dogs found their rhythm of run, eat, rest — repeat. Jamgochian said the long stretch of trail between Kaltag and Unalakleet was gorgeous, but the moguls were not easy on the dogs. The 50 miles across the sea ice from Shaktoolik to Koyuk, a stretch that

most mushers come to fear, treated the Nome rookie kindly. Whereas the frontrunners had to contend with a stiff headwind, Jamgochian cruised across the trail with zero wind and in a time of 5 hours and 44 minutes. From Koyuk on, he found himself thinking more and more about home in Nome, his wife, baby and mother. A reality check came in form of a fellow mushers stranded on the sea ice between Elim and Golovin, as the team had quit and didn't move. "I thought, wow, this could be me," Jamgochian said. So, his thoughts returned to the presence and getting his dogs to the next checkpoint. From White Mountain on, he entered home turf and the dogs knew it. As last year's champion of the Nome-Council 200 race, his team recognized the familiar Topkok hills and the home

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MADE IT— Tom Jamgochian is greeted by friends, his wife Amy and baby Magda at the Nome finish line.



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Iditarod Trail veterinarians keep an eye on dogs' health

By Maisie Thomas

Every year, Iditarod Trail veterinarians come from Minnesota, Tennessee and dozens of other states and even other countries, united by the mission to serve as advocates for the sled dogs. For a week, Iditarod vets abandon their jobs and families to work at all hours in the cold at a checkpoint along the trail of the Last Great Race. This year, volunteers came from as far away as Australia and Germany. Of the 55 trail vets and the vet technicians, only four live in Alaska.

Many of the veterinarians return to the race year after year. Justine Lee is from Minnesota and first learned about the race in veterinary school from her sprint musher nutrition teacher. She volunteered on the trail for the first time in 1997, and has come back more times than she can remember. "I realized I have been saying 11 [years] for like the past couple years," Lee laughed. A consensus among long-time Iditarod vets is that dog care along the trail has improved greatly from when they began volunteering.

Jean Dieden, a veterinarian from Washington, said there has also been an increase in awareness about proper nutrition and gear. Many mushers work with dog food companies to develop the best possible fuel for their athletes. The International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Organization holds seminars to teach vets and vet technicians how to be trail veterinarians.

In addition to better food and new material for dog booties, harnesses, coats, the communication between mushers and vets has improved. "We're here to help them do the best they can with their dogs," Dieden said. "We have a lot more of a friendship with the mushers."

She heard about the race from a friend of a friend in 1992, and has been a volunteer vet for 24 years. "The dogs are so much better fed, better hydrated," said Dieden. She said that veterinary research in dog care and nutrition has helped the sport to evolve.

Another change has been in the dogs themselves. Dieden noted that the sled dogs of today are sturdier than they were a few years ago.

When the race started, the dogs were traveling animals, build for distance, not for speed. Mushers began breeding hounds into their sled dogs, which made for fast animals but not great cold weather endurance athletes.

Dieden said that mushers had trouble getting the hound mixes to eat, and the dogs had trouble with their feet. Racers, Dieden mentioned Doug Swingley, Jeff King and Lance Mackey, began to breed bigger dogs into their bloodlines. "The swung back. I think there were some problems with those dogs," Dieden said. "I mean they wanted to run and they were fast, but could they hold up to the trail?"

At each checkpoint, the vets examine each dog, taking vital signs and checking hydration and weight. "When the dogs come in, the biggest thing we check them for is HAW(L), which means left when you're driving," Lee said. The word, pronounced "haw," has a different meaning for the veterinarians than it does for mushers. HAW/L is an acronym for hydration, attitude, weight and lungs. "We want to make sure the dogs are healthy and happy. As veterinarians our role in the race is to make sure the dogs are well taken care of, and to be advocates for them," Lee said.

Lee, who volunteered in the Elim checkpoint, said the biggest and most common issue she has seen with the dogs so far has been diarrhea, or "runner's trot." Though Lee said when vets examine dogs in checkpoints they more concerned about their heart, lungs and attitude than orthopedic problems, they still see a lot of orthopedic issues 900 miles into the race. "You always see tons of orthopedic (issues). By this point in the race, dogs have swollen wrists, just like a (human) marathon runner. They've got joints and stuff that are giving them issues," said Gayle Tate of Tennessee, who was in Elim volunteering on the trail for his 13th time.

Perhaps the most critical, or "ten-thousand-dollar question," as Tate put it, is determining whether a dog is sick or just very tired. "Most of the time I think they'll eat and drink," said Lee. "If they're sick,



TRAIL VET—An Iditarod Trail volunteer veterinarian performs a routine check-up on one of Dallas Seavey's dogs in White Mountain. Chief Veterinarian Stuart Nelson estimates that trail vet perform over 12,000 examinations over the course of the race.

they're don't want to pull, they don't want to eat or drink. They're not having any fun, and that's when we as veterinarians will make sure that they're healthy and work with the musher to consider dropping the dog." Tate said the mushers are often the ones who alert vets to possible issues. "You get a lot of help there, just from the history standpoint," added Tate.

In addition to examinations at each checkpoint, vets check the dogs before they leave Anchorage. The pre-race screening consists of a blood draw, an electrocardiogram to detect any heart abnormalities, and each dog is given a microchip for identification. The dogs in the first 20 teams to arrive in Nome are scored for the Lenohard Seppala Humanitarian Award, the honor given for excellent dog care. The evaluations for the award are similar to the treatment the dogs get after they arrive in each checkpoint: hydration,

weight, attitude and gait. Teams outside of the top 20 are also checked, but are not eligible for the award.

Stuart Nelson is the Iditarod's chief veterinarian. Nelson was a volunteer veterinarian on Iditarod trail for nine years prior to being offered chief vet position 21 years ago. The position of chief veterinarian is a year-round job. "Every year is different, the majority of the staff return, but it is always a different combination," Nelson said.

The chief vet chooses which volunteers are chosen to go out on the trail. Preference is given to trail veterans, and first-timers must have at least five years of practice under their belts. Experience working with sled dogs is also preferred.

Iditarod teams start with 16 dogs, and finish with a minimum of six. This year, 85 teams started the race, which means trail vets saw a total of 1,360 dogs in the early checkpoints. The number of vets at each check-

point varies, in the early villages there can be as many as seven but farther down the trail there can be as few as three. Nelson estimates that the vets perform about 12,000 examinations over the course of 1,000 miles.

Vets on their first year in the trail are not compensated for their work, but they are given a small stipend for their first four years and a slightly larger sum after their fourth. The point of the stipend is to help with the costly airfare to and from Alaska, since so many of the volunteers are from out of state. Despite having to pay their way, vets return for the experience. "It's an adventure, to be out there with those animals," Nelson said.

Last summer, the American Veterinary Medical Association, which honors the country's top veterinarians each summer, gave Nelson their Meritorious Service Award for his work with the Iditarod.

Norton Sound open access crab fishery to close, CDQ to open

By Jim Menard,
ADF&G area manager

The red king crab guideline harvest level (GHL) for the Norton Sound winter through the ice commercial fishery is 41,376 pounds. To date, 21 commercial permit holders have made at least one delivery during the open access crab fishery and through Tuesday morning over 38,000 pounds have been harvested and the GHL is projected to be reached by Thursday.

The Norton Sound commercial red king crab fishery will close at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 24. Permit holders will have until 9 p.m. Thursday, March 24 to deliver crab to the buyers.

The CDQ king crab fishery will open at 9 a.m., Wednesday, March

23. This will enable those who are registered to fish the CDQ crab fishery to continue fishing. Those who are not registered in the CDQ fishery must remove bait containers from crab pots and have crab pot doors secured open by 2 p.m. Thursday, March 24.

The CDQ allocation is 39,190 pounds of red king crab. Crabbers interested in participating in the CDQ fishery will need to register their CDQ cards with the department. Village residents can call the Fish and Game office to register. A reminder to permit holders that Monday, March 28, is a state holiday and the Fish and Game office will be closed.

Commercial fishing for CDQ crab is open to all residents 18 years or older of NSEDC's 15 member com-

munities who qualify to obtain a CDQ gear permit card and who sign the 2016 NSEDC Norton Sound Red King Crab Fisherman's Agreement and NSEDC Residency Verification forms. Interested fishermen should contact NSEDC at 443-2477 if they have questions about the process of becoming eligible to fish for CDQ red king crab.

Permit holders must have their permit card in possession and be present any time pot gear is being operated, and can only be assisted by licensed crew members. Crewmembers cannot deploy or operate gear on their own. For further information please contact the Nome office at 907-443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271.



VET CHECK—An Iditarod Trail vet examines a dog in the Elim checkpoint. In addition to physical examinations, veterinarians rely on mushers to provide information about their team's health.

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stretch to Nome. When the siren went off to announce his arrival in Nome on Friday night, at 2:45 a.m. Jamgochian had an emotional moment of realizing that he indeed made it.

"I feel a profound sense of accomplishment," he said. "It took a lot of work to get here."

With an Iditarod finish to add to his list of accomplishments, Jamgochian now returns back to work as Nome's assistant district attorney.

Noah's race

Aaron Burmeister's brother Noah ran the competitive dog team out of their kennel Alaskan Wildstyle Racing. Born and raised in Nome and with mushing, Noah ran the 2004 and 2006 Iditarod with the kennel's younger dogs to get them acquainted with the trail and give them a good experience for future competitive races. This year, Noah raced the kennel's main team and finished among a fiercely competitive group of mushers in 11th place. Noah described the infamous trail sections such as the Happy River steps and the Dalzell Gorge as great. Farewell Burn, notorious for no snow, was a dirt trail but nothing worse than going through three sets of runner plastic happened to Noah. Burmeister said he was on a very competitive schedule and kept to it for the most part. Running the race in the top ten for the most part, he said he had no real low points in the race. However, he said, one of the low points was when Scott Smith passed him at Farley's Camp, pushing him out of the top ten. "I'm extremely pleased with the race," he said. He added that his brother has spent the last 25 years building a team that allowed him to run with the best dog teams in the world. "The dogs did all amazing," he said. "We had eight veterans and eight two to three year olds in the team. They all stepped up to the plate." Burmeister finished with nine dogs.

Burmeister offered the thought that every year, new improvements are made and that competitive racers are getting more and more efficient in their run-rest schedules and check-point routines.

Asked how the news of the snow machine attack on Jeff King and Aliy Zirkle impacted his race, Noah said it just made him more aware to flash his headlamp at snow machiners at night. "I think it was a terrible tragedy," he said. In his 2004 race, Noah was camped out at the Yentna River and was almost run over by a drunk driver on snowmachine. "I saw him coming and blinked my lights at him," Noah said. "Only 30 feet before hitting us, he veered off and went around the team."

Attack on the Yukon

In the night of March 12, two teams were hit and injured by a

drunk snowmachiner on the Yukon River close to Nulato. A dog from Jeff King's team died and three were injured. Aliy Zirkle found herself also attacked by the same snowmachiner and one dog in her team was injured. According to court documents, Zirkle was on the trail on the Yukon River about five miles out of Koyukuk heading to Nulato when Arnold Demoski, after having consumed alcohol, came speeding up "hit the side of her sled and flipped two of her dogs." According to the trooper's affidavit, Demoski turned the snowmachine around and Zirkle stopped and grabbed hold of her lead dog while the snow machine was coming right at them. "Demoski then turned the snow machine sideways so it was perpendicular to Zirkle and her team causing Zirkle to be scared of Demoski was trying to kill her and she grabbed a race marker that she held out in front of her towards the snow machine which then turned and headed away from her towards Nulato," Trooper Robert Nunley wrote in the affidavit. An hour later, Demoski returned and passed Zirkle again at high speed, running brodies and going in circles around her. "He stopped 200 yards away and was revving his engine, causing Zirkle to be in fear he was trying to kill her before he drove off," Nunley wrote.

Zirkle's wheel dog Clyde was bruised in the incident and he could not continue on the race team.

According to a trooper release, the same driver hit Jeff King's dog team from behind, about 12 miles out of Nulato. Nash, one of King's dogs, was killed and five other dogs were injured. King was not injured.

Both King and Zirkle continued to race and finished in Nome. King said at the finish line that this was the closest call he ever had with a drunk driver. "It could've killed me and the whole team," King said. "So, at the Denali Doubles last month I did a tribute to a little girl who lost her life to a drunk driver." Fighting back tears, King paused and continued. "Who would've believed you had to worry about that on a dog team? But, em, the fact is that it happened. And it does happen. It happened in Nome before, it happens all over the state and let it be another lesson for the sanctity of life and responsible driving," King said.

Aliy Zirkle issued a statement through the Iditarod website, thanking the Iditarod officials in Nulato for having given her the practical and moral support she needed to carry on. But she also stated how deeply the incident impacted her. "I have been mushing the trails of Alaska for over 20 years and lived in the Yukon-Koyukuk community," her statement reads. "Not once have I felt in real danger from another human being. I am experienced with sharing the trails with snow machiners and other users, ensuring that I do everything I can to be seen and to keep my dog team safe. It is on these trails with



COURAGE— Jeff King gave a thoughtful statement to the press in regards to the attack on the Yukon River after arriving in Nome. "Let it be a lesson for the sanctity of life and responsible driving."



PERSEVERANCE— Aliy Zirkle arrived in third place in Nome despite an attack by a drunk snow machine driver near Nulato. Zirkle said in a statement that she believed her and her dogs' lives were in danger during the attack in the night of March 12.

my dogs that I feel most comfortable and confident. That changed on the morning of March 12. Over the course of almost two hours one man, by using his snowmachine, made prolonged, aggressive and what I believe to be deliberate threats to me and my team. For two hours, I felt like a hostage and I sincerely believe that our lives were in danger. I was terrified. Had it not been for my defensive reactions, we could have been maimed or killed," Zirkle wrote. She continued to say that she is angry with only one man. "I also have no injuries. However, I am very sad and angry. I am thankful for all the overwhelming support from the public," she wrote.

The Nulato Tribal Council issued a statement saying "It is with great regret and sadness that we offer our condolences to Jeff King for the loss of his dog Nash. We pray for the speedy recovery of the other injured dogs. Nulato recognizes the complex behavioral health issues that impact our village and we ask for prayers as we seek wellness for all. We will be monitoring the situation closely and commit to work with law enforcement."

According to the statement, First Chief Mickey Stickman added "Over the years we have supported the race in all aspects from racers to dogs to logistics. Nulato has been recognized many times by the Iditarod Trail Committee for the community's hospitality- we hope and pray this incident does not determine the future of the village of Nulato. The Native Village of Nulato apologizes for the harm to the mushers and their dog teams."

Arnold Demoski, 26, of Nulato was arrested for two counts of assault

in the third degree and one count of reckless endangerment, one count of reckless driving and six counts of criminal mischief in the fifth degree. He was remanded to the Fairbanks Correctional Center.

Bail was set at \$50,000.

In a court video of Demoski's first appearance in Magistrate Romano DiBenedetto's court room, the judge said "If the state had asked for \$500,000, I probably would have granted it, but I am not the prosecutor. I will honor the state's request for a \$50,000 cash performance bond."

The judge added, "if these allegations are proven to a jury, it could amount to be an act of terrorism, quite frankly."

At the finisher's banquet, Aliy Zirkle only mentioned that she owes it to race judge Karen Ramstead, who talked her into continuing the race and to persevere. Zirkle arrived in Nome in third place.

In his speech, champion Dallas Seavey summarized the overall feeling of gratitude and perseverance. "This year was a challenging year for everybody involved in mushing," Seavey said. "I don't think there was a person involved in the Iditarod or the sport of mushing that doesn't know anybody who is affect by some accident or tragedy or misfortune throughout the year and on the race itself. It's pretty heartwarming to see that the community of mushers is just that: a community. Whether it was the willow fire or the misfortune that befell the Busers or a million other things. It was pretty awesome to see everybody come together. It is indicative not only about the sport of mushing but Alaska as a whole and the communities we pass through. We support and embrace each other," Seavey said.

Out of 85 dog teams that started the race, 71 finished.



MOST IMPROVED— Noah Burmeister earned the most improved musher award after finishing in eleventh place in the 2016 Iditarod.



IT'S A WRAP— With the red lantern extinguished, the race is over.

Photo by Diana Haecker

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HAPPY TO REACH NOME— Mushers Kim Franklin, front, and Kristin Bacon approach the finish line in Nome, with Cape Nome in the background.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

LOVING IT— A dog of Ralph Johannessen's team gets a loving hug from a handler at the end of the race.



Photo by Nils Hahn

THREE TIME FINISHER IN 47TH PLACE— Monica Zappa of Kasilof finished her third Iditarod. For the third time she came in 47th place, despite steadily improving her run times over the years. This year, she finished in 11 days and 17 minutes.



Photo by Diana Haecker

FANS— Dallas Seavey presents his lead dogs Tide and Reef to the fans at the awards banquet. Reef, a four-year old male, received for the second time the Golden Harness award.



Photo by Diana Haecker

WHAT A WELCOME— The Nome St. Lawrence Island singers and dancers welcomed Kotzebue musher John Baker to Nome.



Photo by Diana Haecker

BABY GIFTS—Nome Community United Methodist Church pastor Charles Brower presented Mike Williams Jr. with a baby quilt blanket in honor of Mike's newborn daughter who was born just before her dad embarked on his sixth run of the Iditarod.



Photo by Nils Hahn

ALMOST THERE— Allen Moore guides his dogs across the Nome River at Fort Davis. He finished in the race in nine days, 23 hours and 56 minutes.



Photo by Nils Hahn

FINISHING— Kotzebue musher Katherine Keith drives her dog team along the sea ice in Nome.



Photo by Diana Haecker

HEAVY— How many Seaveys does it take to lift this year's Iditarod Champion trophy? Dan Seavey, left, helps his grandson and Iditarod winner Dallas Seavey carry the trophy out of the Rec Center, while Mitch Seavey, in the background, stays away from the heavy lifting.



Photo by Nikolai Ivanoff

AWARDS BANQUET— Hundreds of Nomeites mingled with Iditarod mushers at Sunday's finishers banquet.

Iditarod awards

PenAir Spirit of Alaska award- First musher to arrive in McGrath gets a spirit mask and \$500 on credit for freight or travel on PenAir. Winner: Dallas Seavey

First musher to Ophir Award- new award to honor Loafer from Ophir Rodger Roberts. Musher receives one ounce of gold. Winner: Brent Sass

Dorothy Page halfway award- first musher into Cripple checkpoint. Musher receives \$3,000 in gold nuggets. Winner: Dallas Seavey

First musher to the Yukon award – for first musher to reach Ruby. Musher gets a five course gourmet dinner and \$3,500 served in a gold pan. Winner: Jeff King

Fish First Award – first musher to reach Kaltag. Musher receives \$2,000 and 25 pounds of Bristol Bay Salmon. Winner: Mitch Seavey.

Gold Coast Award – first musher to reach Unalakleet. Musher receives \$3,500 worth of gold nuggets. Winner: Brent Sass.

Fastest Time from Safety to Nome – musher with the fastest time from the Safety checkpoint to Nome. Musher receives \$500. Winner: Nico-

las Petit, with a time of 2 hours, 25 minutes.

Rookie of the Year Award –given to the top-placing rookie in honor of Jerry Austin. Musher receives \$2,000. Winner: Geir Idar Hjelvik, placed 26th.

Official Truck Award – presented to the Iditarod Champion. Musher receives a 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 valued at \$40,000. Winner: Dallas Seavey

Most Improved Musher Award – presented to the musher who bettered his/her finish by the most places. Musher receives \$2,000. Winner: Noah Burmeister, improved by 44 places.

Sportsmanship Award – presented to the musher who best demonstrated sportsmanship along the trail. Recipient is chosen by fellow mushers, and receives \$3,500. Winner: John Baker.

Most Inspirational Musher Award – presented to the most inspirational musher. Recipient is chosen by fellow mushers, and receives \$1,049. Winner: Matt Failor.

Herbie Nayokpuk Memorial Award – presented to the person who emulates Herbie: The

Shishmaref Cannon Ball in his/her attitude on the trail. Recipient is chosen by race staff and officials, and receives \$1,049 in "pocket change" inside a Northern Air Cargo jacket. Winner: Ralph Johannessen.

Golden Clipboard Award – presented to the most outstanding checkpoint, chosen by the competing mushers. Checkpoint receives a plaque. Winner: Nulato.

Leonhard Seppala Humanitarian Award – presented to the musher who demonstrates outstanding dog care while remaining competitive throughout the race. Recipient is chosen by the veterinary team. Winner receives two round-trip Alaska Airlines tickets. Winner: Aliy Zirkle.

Lolly Medley Memorial Golden Harness Award – presented to the most outstanding lead dog, in honor of Lolly Medley, a harness maker and one of two women to run the second Iditarod. Musher receives an embroidered gold-colored harness. Winner: Reef, Dallas Seavey's lead dog.

Red Lantern Award – given to the final finisher of the Iditarod. Musher receives a red lantern trophy. Winner: Mary Helwig.



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IT'S IN THE FAMILY— Akiak musher Mike Williams Sr. greeted his son Mike Jr. at the finish line in Nome.

Miners and Musher's ball

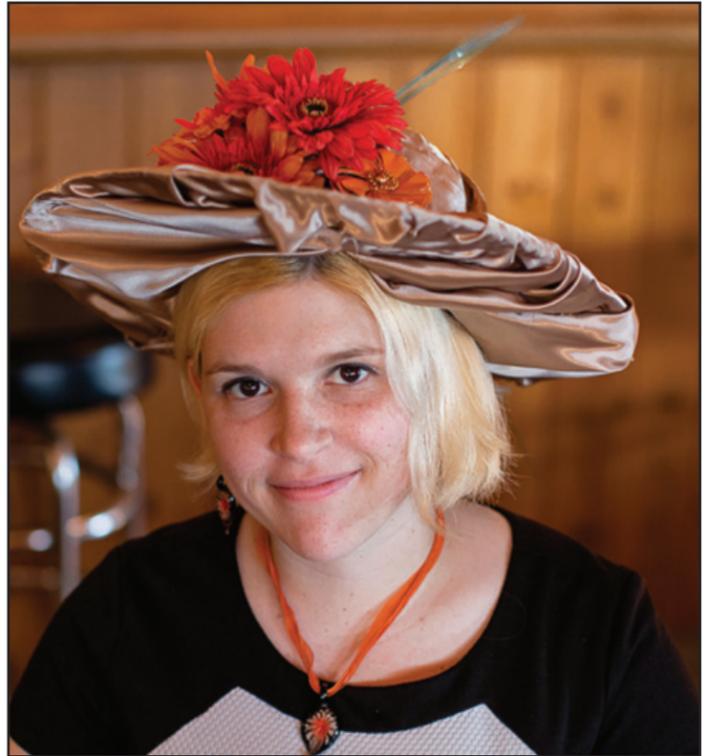


STYLISH SANTA— Nome's very own Santa Paul Kudla was accompanied by Australian visitors to Nome. They called themselves the Tundra Wildflowers.

Photos by Julia Farris



FOX HAT— Matt Culley came dressed in full fur attire right down to his t-shirt which said "got fur" on it. He and Honie won the couples costume contest.



CUSTOM HAT— Jessica Simonsen created this hat for her first Miners and Musher's Ball, held on March 16.

Robert Service reading



POEMS— Nome mayor Richard Beneville reads a Robert Service poem at the Mini Convention Center during Iditarod week.

Photo by Diana Haecker

Snow Sculpting Competition



WORKING ON SNOOPY— Bill Dunker of Nome is working on Charlie Brown's pet beagle at the Nome Arts Council Snow Sculpting Competition.

Photo by Nils Hahn

Iditarod Trail Invitational



IDITAROD TRAIL BIKER— Jill Homer of Los Altos, California, was the first female biker to Nome in this year's Iditarod Trail Invitational, finishing in just over 17 days.

Photo by Nils Hahn

NPS students enter art at Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show

Another spectacular showing of Alaskan art is in the books as artists from Nome and surrounding Norton Sound communities competed in the 17th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show sponsored by the Nome Arts Council.

The show was held at Old St. Joseph's Church Monday, March 14 through Saturday March 19. This year's judges were Kristin Kirschbaum from Seattle, WA, Urtha Lenhar formerly of Nome and now Chambersburg, PA and Al and Sharon Durtka of Cudahy, WI. They were amazed by the quality and variety of artworks and were excited to be a part of this year's event.

This year the show had the largest contingency of art from the Nome Elementary School. Thanks to Josie Bourdon's class of 33 students, a Nome Public Schools category was added.

An art reception was held Friday evening. The public enjoyed refreshments while admiring the 141 pieces artwork and visiting with the artists. Event organizer Angela Hansen extended a welcome and thanked those who participated in and helped with the show.

Special thanks went to Cheryl Thompson and Gale Hagemeyer for renting OSJ's and organizing the art and craft show, Debbie Flint Daniel for receiving entries and helping set up the fine art show, Nora Nagarak for typing the name labels as well as Lisa Leeper, Taylor Gorn, Urtha Lenhar and Al and Sharon Durtka for hanging the art.

Urtha Lenhar spoke on behalf of the judges and commended the artists, saying each piece exhibited great talent and ability. He also thanked the teachers and mentors who are giving students the opportunity to create and keep their culture alive through their art.

Next, Kevin Keith, member of the

Nome Arts Council, addressed the crowd and announced the winners as they came forward to accept their prize money and ribbons.

The votes for the People's Choice Award were tallied and this year's winner was "Hike to Dorothy Falls," an exquisitely detailed watercolor painting of Dorothy Creek Waterfall off the Kougarok Road by Claudia Ihl.

The three raffled art pieces this year were artist prints: "Caribou Crossing" by Katie O'Connor, "Lookout" by Claudia Ihl and "Pink Passion" by Angela Orman Hansen. Gay Sheffield of Nome, was coincidentally drawn back-to-back to win the first two prints. James Eyester of Nome was then drawn to win the third piece of raffled artwork.

To end the program, Hansen thanked everyone for coming and praised the artists for another excellent exhibition of local artwork and encouraged people to begin their masterpieces for next year's 18th Annual Iditarod Fine Art Show.

2016 Iditarod Fine Art Show Results

Oil/Acrylic

- 1st - "Across Turnigan Arm" by Sue Steinacher
- 2nd - "Three Men, Siberia-1897" by John Thomas
- 3rd - "Flower" by Tula Huffman
- Honorable Mention - "Unalakleet's Fireweed" by Cassandra Johnson

Watercolor

- 1st - "Safety Roadhouse" by Katie O'Connor
- 2nd - "The Last Stop" by Patricia Murphy
- 3rd - "Starts in the Sunlight" by Lisa Leeper
- Honorable Mention - "Hike to Dorothy Falls" by Claudia Ihl

Drawing/Pastel

- 1st - "Sledge Island Sunset" by Sue Steinacher
- 2nd - "The Dress" by Cassandra Johnson
- 3rd - "Hungry Like the Wolf" by Michael Burnett
- Honorable Mention - "Hungry Eyes" by Michael Burnett

Photography

- 1st - "Dog Musher on Saint Michaels Creek" by Nils Hahn
- 2nd - "Winter Creek" by Leon Boardway
- 3rd - "Pilgrim Church" by Kim Knudsen
- Honorable Mention - "Night Harbor" by Ken Hughes

Native Art

- 1st - "Mushing Under the Northern Lights" by Jennifer Demir
- 2nd - "Rockin' the Iditarod" by Kim Knudsen
- 3rd - "Seal on Rookery" by MaryJane Litchard
- Honorable Mention - "Fish Skin Fedora" by Marjorie Tahbone

3-Dimensional/Mixed Media

- 1st - "Leaf Vase" by Cheryl Thompson
- 2nd - "Miner Panning" by Chism Leimbach
- 3rd - "My Felt-origami Purse" by Spruce Lynch
- Honorable Mention - "Large Pottery Bowl" by Jim Dory

Judge's Choice Adult Division

- "Miss Indian World" by Katie O'Connor

Youth Division 11 and under

- 1st - "Owen and His Apple" by Shaina Hobbs
- 2nd - "Winter Train" by Luke Hansen
- 3rd - "Rabbit Ears" by Zoe Keith
- Honorable Mention - "Wooden Mug" by Wyatt Jones

Youth Division 12 to 18

- 1st - "The Quartet" by Noah Hobbs
- 2nd - "Let It Go" by Clara Hansen
- 3rd - "Snake River Landscape" by Ava Earthman

Honorable Mention - "Leftovers" by Emelyne Hobbs

Nome Public Schools Division

- 1st - Son Erikson
- 2nd - Hanalori Callahan
- 3rd - Brooke Getz
- Honorable Mention - Kaitlyn Johnson

Judge's Choice Youth Division "Sunset at Old St. Joe's" by Luke Phillips

Iditarod Theme Award "Glad to be Nome" by Lisa Leeper

People's Choice "Hike to Dorothy Falls" by Claudia Ihl



Photo by Diana Haecker

NATIVE ART— Jennifer Demir received top honors for her work "Mushing Under the Northern Lights"



Photo by Keith Conger

PEOPLE'S CHOICE— Claudia Ihl stands with her artwork titled "Hike to Dorothy Falls". Ihl won the People's Choice award.



Photo by Diana Haecker

YOUNG ARTISTS— Young Nome artists stand with their paintings during the reception at Old St. Joseph's Church on Friday, March 11. From left to right are Shaina Hobbs, Luke Phillips, Noah Hobbs and Son Erikson.



Photo by Diana Haecker

YOUTH DIVISION 12 TO 18— Ava Earthman received 3rd place honors in the Youth Division 12 to 18 for her piece titled "Snake River Landscape".



Photo by Diana Haecker

RABBIT EARS— Zoe Keith received 3rd honors in the Youth Division 11 and under for her painting titled "Rabbit Ears".



IDITA-JOR— Laura Wright has skijored nearly the entire Iditarod Trail.



LIVING ON THE EDGE—Skijor adventurers Laura Wright and Robin Child made their way along the shore ice out of Elim on Monday, March 14.

Laura Wright completes skijor quest to Nome

Story and photos
by Keith Conger

Late Friday afternoon, a pair of dog drivers were being pulled into Nome by their furry friends, much like the others who had traveled down Front Street to the Iditarod finish point since Monday. Yet, no sirens alerted the public of their approach, and no throng of people lined the chute.

The explorers, Laura Wright of Talkeetna, and her traveling partner Robin Child, an itinerant art teacher with the Bering Strait School District, each had only two dogs pulling their loads. They didn't ride the rails of their sleds, but rather, they wore skis.

When Wright, 54, and her two dogs crossed under the Burled Arch, she had achieved a huge milestone in a skijor odyssey that started eight winters ago.

Her goal was to travel along the Iditarod Trail, doing a different section each year. The traffic along the route created a skijorable trail, and provided a sort of security in numbers.

"One of the reasons I started this trek was to see more of Alaska, and to see all the villages," said Wright. "Rather than just being a tourist that flew in, spent the day, and flew out, I thought it would be more fun to ski in. To see everything at my own pace."

Wright's trek got underway in 2008 with one dog as she followed a friend on a trip. Her friend's plan was

to forgo the first 80 miles of the trail because of the high volume of snow-machine traffic. Instead, they flew over the first part, and started with the stretch from Skwentna to McGrath. For nearly 230 miles her dog pulled her, and she pulled the sled.

"I was like, this is me," said Wright. "I love this stuff, I want to do this. I gotta get more dogs."

After taking 2009 off, she had planned on following her friend again. Unfortunately, her partner bailing out on the trip. Undaunted, Wright skijored alone from Galena to Unalakleet. She increased her power by adding a dog, but was still dragging the sled behind her.

"I remember being on those moguls outside of Kaltag, and I said, that is it," said Wright. "I have a really funny video from it. On every mogul the sled hit my hip. My hips were killing me, and then you've gotta go up the next one. I thought, 'I've gotta get this sled in front of me.'"

In 2011 Wright devised a system where the sled was between her and the dogs. She traveled along the southern route of the Iditarod Trail from McGrath to Anvik.

"In 2012 my friend came back on board," said Wright. "The goal was Takotna to Ruby, but we bailed in Cripple." Wright says she got stomach flu, and the temperature was minus 54°F. "We just looked at each other and said, 'We're done. We are not having any fun.'"

Fortunately, one of the three peo-

ple on the trip was a pilot and chief mechanic for Talkeetna Air Taxi. "So we just called the Beaver, and said 'come and get us.' That was a fun year. We had lots of fun with the mushers. We had that all dialed, but it was just so cold."

In a twist, Wright dedicated her 2013 trip to traveling from Nenana to Tanana and back. "So that got me the Serum Run section," she said.

This winter, after two very low snow years, Wright was ready to resume her Iditarod trail travels, setting her sights on the Bering Sea coast. She started in Unalakleet on March 7 and took two days to reach the shelter cabin north of Shaktoolik.

"The sea ice is right there," said Wright, of her route beyond the cabin. "You have no choice." On March 10 she took 10 hours to cross the 35 miles of sea ice to meet up with Robin Child, who was in Koyuk completing art classes. The pair then left Koyuk on Saturday, March 12 and arrived in Nome six days later. "We are not in a race," she said. "We don't have checkpoints."

"There were mushers passing us after Elim," said Wright. The pair had only light winds at Little McKinley, Topkok, and through the blow-hole, but there was challenging ice on the lagoons after the Topkok shelter cabin.

Wright is satisfied with her journey along the Iditarod Trail, yet there are still several sections that she is thinking about completing. But doing every mile of the trail is not

her ultimate objective. She currently has her sights set on the Brooks Range.

"It was amazing to travel by land what I often fly over by plane, seeing students and community members along the way and getting to know and respect this region in a new way," said Child after the trip. "Backtracking 20 minutes by plane

what took 3 days to ski (to teach in White Mountain) put in perspective how very small we are in this great land of rolling tundra and ice. Laura is a blast to be around- spirited about the trail and its beauty and challenges, and overflowing with love for the dogs and the sport. I was lucky to tag along on the last leg of her journey!"



SKIJORING THE IDITAROD TRAIL— Laura Wright, right, completed the Unalakleet to Nome section of the Iditarod Trail on Friday, March 18. Robin Child joined her in Koyuk.

LOIBC Basketball tourney held during Iditarod week

The Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Championships were contested last week in five divisions at the Nome Recreation Center.

In the Men's over 35 division Elim took first place. They were followed by the Yellowfooters and NBHS Class of 1993. The Wells Fargo/NSEDC/Ravn Alaska Team Sportsmanship Award honoring Gary Longley Sr. went to Grumpys. The All Tourney Team consisted of Marvin Takak, Bob Saccheus, Uly Hall, Erik Lie, Willie Hoogendorn and Dave Barron. The Charlie Hungerford MVP was awarded to Donald Weyanna.

In the Ladies B division, the gals from Brevig Mission outlasted Beah's Breakers for first place. Bering Air placed third. The Wells Fargo/NSEDC/Ravn Alaska Team Sportsmanship Award honoring Esther "Duca" Lincoln were the ladies from Brevig. The All Tourney Team consisted of Tracy Ahnangnatoguk, Marie Olanna, Clarissa Eide, Vanessa Tahbone, Frances Contreras, Moriah Morgan, Precious Lincoln, Christine Piscocoy, Alice Amaktoolik and Jazzlyn Garnie. Helen Bruns of Brevig Mission was the ladies high scorer. This helped her earn The Charlie Hungerford MVP award.

The Men's B division was won by TMT. The Islanders and Kotlik places second and third. The Charlie Hungerford MVP honoring Thomas Davis went to the Islanders. The All Tourney Team was made up of Curtis Ray Nayokpuk, Alexander Weyiouanna, Travis Akeya, Jeremy Eischens, Jason Fancyboy, Brandon Long, Andrew Kunuyak, Dale Ahnangnatoguk, Washington Takak, Briar Dickson, Adam Martinson and

Elliot Nassuk. The Charles Hungerford MVP went to Corey Ningeulook if TMT.

Carquest captured the title in the Ladies Open division. RJ's Ninjas and Milanos finished second and third respectively. The Wells Fargo/NSEDC/Ravn Alaska Team Sportsmanship Award honoring Stan and Ruth Piscocoy was Deering. The All Tourney Team was made up of Monica Saccheus, Clarissa Blackburn, Valerie Fuller, Adelaine Ahmasuk, Devynn Johnson, Sophia Hunt,

Brenda Nayokpuk, Daisy Weinard and Mary Sue Hyatt. The Charlie Hungerford MVP was earned by Shantel Muniz of Carquest.

The first place award for the Men's A division was captured by Gabe's Boys. Second and third place went to Flashbacks and Golovin Beachcombers. The Wells Fargo/NSEDC/Ravn Alaska Team Sportsmanship Award honoring Clarence Trigg went to Fish River. The All Tourney Team went to Tyler Eide, Casey Sherman, Adam Lewis,

Tyler Yoder, Frank Amaktoolik Jr., Jeremy Nassuk, Jay Adams, Jens Ire-

land, Donald Weyanna and Troy Weyiouanna. The Charlie Hungerford MVP went to Christian Leckband of Gabe's Boys.



EASY TWO— Christian Leckband of Gabe's Boys reaches for the basket during the Lonnie O'Connor Iditarod Basketball Championships.

Carrot Cookie Sandwiches

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

Makes 1 dozen cookies
Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Bake at 350°F for 15 minutes
Difficulty Level: Medium

Ingredients:

COOKIES:
2 cups Carrots, shredded
3 T. Brown sugar, packed
3 T. Olive oil
1 t. Lemon peel, powdered
½ t. Vanilla
1 Egg
1 cup Whole wheat flour
1/3 cup Brown sugar, packed
1 t. Cinnamon
¼ t. Salt
FILLING:
2 T. Butter, softened
3 oz. Reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
½ t. Vanilla
½ t. Cinnamon
1 cup Powdered sugar



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Combine carrots and 3 T. brown sugar. Let rest for 7 minutes. Strain liquid from carrots.
3. In a separate bowl, combine flour, 1/3-cup brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Add olive oil, lemon peel, vanilla, egg, and strained carrots to dry mixture.
4. Spray baking sheet with cooking oil or line with parchment paper. Scoop 1 tablespoon balls of dough onto sheet. Spread dough out evenly, giving room to rise while baking. Place in oven and bake for 15 minutes.
5. Take cookies out of the oven and let rest for 2 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack. Cool completely.
6. While allowing the cookies to cool, combine butter and cream cheese for the filling. Using the paddle attachment on a standing mixer beat until smooth. Add vanilla, cinnamon, and powdered sugar. Beat until well combined.
7. Spoon 1 tablespoon of filling onto the bottom side of half of the cookies. With the other half of the batch, make a sandwich with the cookies.

TIP:

*Try adding ¼ cup of pecans or raisins to the batter for added variety.

BSSD basketball teams participate in March Madness

By Jeff Erickson

The culmination of the high school basketball year and the end of many hoop dreams comes in the spring season known as "March Madness". The ebb and flow of the almost four month season is replaced with the stark reality that each game could be the last. Six Bering Strait teams traveled to the 2016 Basketball 1A & 2A ASAA Tournament, each with their own level of expectation but all with the hopes of getting hot and winning three or four games and bringing the ultimate trophy home.

The 1A classification in the state of Alaska is by far the largest as it contains all schools with a high school population of 60 or less. Due to this large number it is the only one that is allowed 16 state tournament representatives and needs an additional day to settle matters. Bering Sea Conference Champion Shishmaref Lady Northern Lights and Elim Eagles brought state veteran squads anxious to show that lessons from previous years would pay dividends. The Lady Aklaqs from Teller and Wolverines from Shaktolik had remarkable years and, regardless their runner up regional status, had no less anticipation.

The opening round of the tournament wasn't kind to the two boys teams as they both met formidable foes. The Wolverines met a much taller Minto Lakers team and jumped on them early running out to a large first quarter lead but found themselves struggling to hold on as the interior size of the Interior Alaska team took hold and prevailed 47-44. Captain and All-Tournament selection Everson Paniptchuk did all he could tallying 30 points and 11 rebounds in the effort. The Eagles valiantly fought a strong Northwest Arctic champion Noatak Lynx squad and succumbed 64-58 after strong games from Devin Nakarak and Ralph Saccheus.

The smaller school girls representatives fared better in the first round as both Bering Sea teams emerged with victories. Teller, behind 15 points and 13 rebounds from freshman Lindsay Weyanna, controlled Manokotak while the Shishmaref squad showed their team superiority led by Gussie Olanna's 15 points and 12 rebounds, and won 61-49.

The second day results didn't improve as both boys teams faced strong teams who'd also been disappointed the first day. Noorvik big man Quincy Williamson dominated the paint with 17 rebounds and 7 blocks and only Wolverine Ethan Evan could mount any offense at all as the Wolverines fell 45-27 and were eliminated. Elim fought through three quarters and led a physically larger Hyدابurg going in the final frame, again led by Nakarak and Saccheus "double-doubles" but couldn't hold off the Warriors late and were eliminated 62-53.

The BSSD ladies did not repeat first day successes as the competition improved. Teller met the 2015 champions from Wainwright and could not match the dominance of Kai Nashookpuk's 29 points falling be-

hind in the 4th quarter to lose 58-41. The Shishmaref gals fought to the end against the Aniak Halfbreeds before the time ran out in overtime, 51-45.

Friday's matchup between the Lady Northern Lights and Lady Aklaqs was a friendly grudge match. The more experienced Shishmaref team had defeated their rivals at both the sub-regional and conference tournaments in overtime thrillers and this third match didn't disappoint. The lead went back and forth with each team's fans rising and falling with each successful shot or missed opportunity. Freshman Sarah Stenek's tenacious defense and 16 points proved critical as the Northern Lights shone one more time eking out the victory 33-32 to remain alive in the consolation bracket.

The final day of the tournament found Shishmaref facing a larger, stronger team from the Kenai Peninsula, the Nikolaevsk Warriors. The battle-experienced Northern Lights didn't flinch, though, and used speed to stay even throughout the game. For the second time in the tournament the ladies found themselves in a draw at the end of four quarters and extended the game to overtime. Again, they came up short and lost in a heartbreaking 50-45.

The larger 2A classification didn't start until Thursday due to fact that they only play an 8-team bracket. The competitive landscape has changed significantly in recent years as larger schools have come "down" and greatly increased the level of play. Recent 3A powerhouses Petersburg and Cordova made their appearances in their first year of 2A play. Conversely, Bristol Bay, Pt. Hope and Unalakleet all brought both boys and girls teams from programs that are actually 1A size but have chosen to "opt up" to play stronger competition, and schools that are three to four times larger.

The Lady Wolfpack ran into a

strong Nenana Lynx squad they had face a month previous and could not contain them losing 49-23. Eight-grader Jewel Wilson continued to show great potential with solid offensive and defensive presence.

The Unalakleet boys faced the defending state champion Glenallen team and were not intimidated. Behind the offensive performance of Arctic Ivanoff and the interior play on both ends of fellow junior Kady Erickson, the Wolfpack jumped out to a large lead and then held off the Panthers, 57-53.

Second round play for the Unalakleet girls meant survival against a veteran Dillingham team and the smaller Wolfpack girls couldn't match the Wolverines strength. Seniors Ada Harvey and Kirstian Hauge fought hard with strong contributions from Wilson again but fell 53-42 in a season-ending defeat.

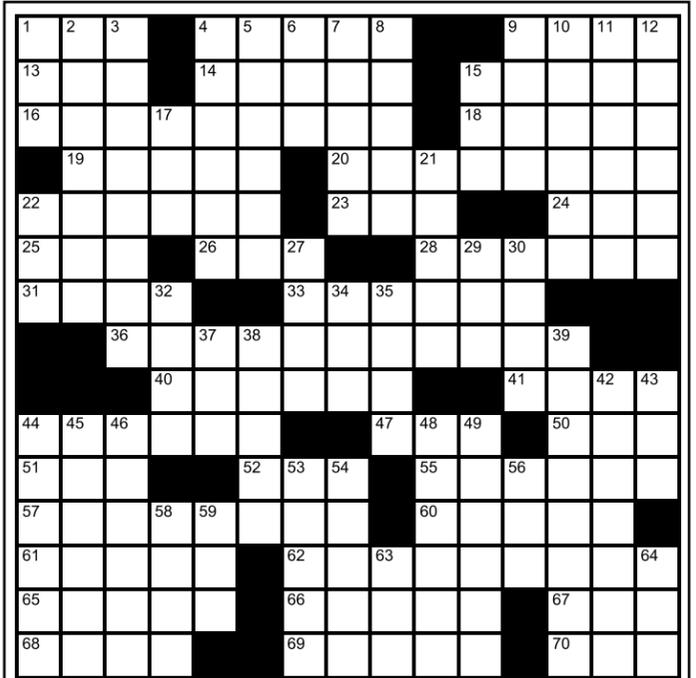
A win in the semi-final game for the Wolfpack boys would mean a championship game ticket but a very tall, strong Petersburg team stood in their way. Only Ivanoff was able to muster much offense against the very aggressive defensive effort by the Vikings and Unalakleet was on the short end of the score at games end, 56-39.

A third place Saturday matchup was the final game for BSSD teams when the Unalakleet boys met another much larger school, Cordova. This game featured much drama both on the court and from the loud, large fan contingents from each school. It seemed that everyone knew that this was for pride and the last game of the year. Again overmatched size-wise, and without the full services of two starters, Jayden Wilson and Taylor Harvey, who were both injured, the Pack fought valiantly to stay close through much of the game. David Johnson found his long distance range with three triples to help Ivanoff (19 points) keep the Unalakleet team in the game but in the clos-

ing minutes the Cordova team pulled away to win 69-55.

March Madness is over for the small schools and teams are already looking ahead to the hope of the next season. Seniors reflect on their high

school careers and younger players look forward to stepping up to meet new responsibilities. Congratulations to these six teams on very successful years.



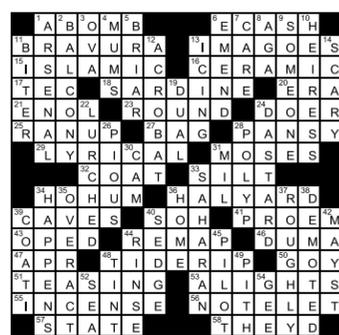
Across

- 1. Bull markets
- 4. Pillow covers
- 9. High school formal dance
- 13. ___ juice (milk)
- 14. Type of poem, e.g. ode
- 15. Allotment
- 16. Public place in ancient Greece for athletes
- 18. Small coins of ancient Greece
- 19. Centers
- 20. Highest heaven
- 22. Slow-witted person (British)
- 23. Marienbad, for one
- 24. "___ Maria"
- 25. "For ___ a jolly ..." (contraction)
- 26. 007, for one
- 28. Head newspaperman
- 31. Crumbs
- 33. Diacritic mark over German vowels
- 36. Enthralling novel or play
- 40. Big test
- 41. Convene
- 44. Casual eatery
- 47. "___ rang?"
- 50. "Tarzan" extra
- 51. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
- 52. The "p" in m.p.g.
- 55. Leader born in Georgia, Russia
- 57. Improbable story (2 wds)
- 60. Medieval surcoat
- 61. Iron/nickel/carbon alloy used in watches
- 62. Anesthetized
- 65. Industrious
- 66. Complain

Down

- 1. Person in a mask, baseball
- 2. One who hunts illegally on another's property
- 3. Musicians who perform individually
- 4. Makes smooth and glossy
- 5. European mint used in perfume
- 6. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
- 7. Entangles
- 8. Little rascal
- 9. Dock
- 10. Echo
- 11. Printed sheet of paper folded three times
- 12. Nastier
- 15. Carry on
- 17. Parenthesis, essentially
- 21. Song of joy
- 22. Even if, briefly
- 27. Christmas season
- 29. Clinker
- 30. Any thing
- 32. Advance, slangily
- 34. "Dilbert" cartoonist Scott Adams has one: Abbr.
- 35. Easter flower
- 37. "To ___ is human ..."
- 38. Drug to treat Parkinson's disease (hyphenated)
- 39. Understands clearly
- 42. Lacking vigor
- 43. Big ___ Conference
- 44. Happen to
- 45. Comparatively cockamamie
- 46. Individuals
- 48. Bony
- 49. 180's (hyphenated)
- 53. Mournful poem
- 54. Back in
- 56. "Gimme ___!" (start of an Iowa State cheer) (2 wds)
- 58. Put on board, as cargo
- 59. "Don't give up!"
- 63. "___ do you do?"
- 64. "Silent Spring" subject (abbrev.)

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CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19
Don't underestimate the power of persuasion, Capricorn. The idea is sound, but you're going to have to talk it up in order to get it implemented.



ARIES
March 21 - April 19
Romantic gestures are returned, and passion burns bright. A weekend getaway will cap off the week nicely. Aries. A request is granted, with conditions.



CANCER
June 22 - July 22
Like it or lump it, Cancer. There is no middle ground on this one. It is all or nothing. A child makes an outrageous request. Honor it if you can.



LIBRA
September 23 - October 22
Lady luck smiles on you, allowing you to dream the impossible. Go for it, Libra. It's yours for the taking. A fitness goal moves within reach with a new piece of equipment.



AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18
Less really is more, at least in this instance, Aquarius. Pare down and opt for simplicity over complexity. A peacekeeping mission at home proves successful.



TAURUS
April 20 - May 20
Solitude is hard to come by these days, Taurus. You may have to steal a few moments to yourself. A crisis in faith comes to a screeching halt with an intervention.



LEO
July 23 - August 22
Lucky Leo. Mistakes from the past are long forgotten and rewards are given freely. A change in venue spells good news for an upcoming event.



SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21
You're a class act, Scorpio, and all the right people know it. Your talents are about to be called upon. Do not disappoint. A loved one returns a favor.



PISCES
February 19 - March 20
Perfectionist you may be, Pisces, but not everyone shares your philosophy. If you're enlisting help, be prepared for all of the flaws that will come with it.



GEMINI
May 21 - June 21
Face the facts, Gemini. Few people are 100% liked all of the time. If you have to ruffle a few feathers at home to get stuff done, then do it.



VIRGO
August 23 - September 22
Advice comes from all corners this week, Virgo. It would pay you to listen. There is a lot to learn, more than you realize. Flowers brighten a senior's day.



SAGITTARIUS
November 21 - December 21
Who knew, Sagittarius. You knew, and now you know better than to keep something that crucial to yourself. An event is rescheduled to a later date.

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Obituary



Arnold Davis Seetot
March 11, 1959
– March 6, 2016

Arnold Davis Koonuk Seetot was born to the late Elmer Sr. and Molly Seetot on March 11, 1959 in Nome, Alaska.

He was raised in Brevig Mission until his passing on March 6, 2016. Arnold attended Brevig Mission Elementary School until the eighth grade. Then he attended Shishmaref High School, where he graduated in 1979.

On September 17, 1992, Arnold married his sweetheart Helen Olanna. Together they raised their two sons Roger and Johnson.

In 1985, Arnold started working as the Water Plant Operator for the City of Brevig Mission until his sickness overtook his body.

Arnold lived a subsistence lifestyle. He loved spending time outside. He loved to hunt for ducks,

walrus, seals and moose. He also loved to fish and pick berries. Every chance he got, he would be outdoors picking berries. While his sons were growing up, he taught them how to hunt, fish, and gather berries.

Arnold's pride and joy was being with his two grandsons Dwight and Dwayne. After work, he enjoyed taking care of them and entertaining them.

Arnold was a gentle, kind, caring, loving and a very quiet person. He will be greatly missed by family and friends, near and far.

Arnold is survived by his wife Helen; son Johnson (Elsie), grandsons Dwight and Dwayne; brothers Elmer, Jr. (Johne); Walter (Delores); Delbert (Frieda); sisters Rita (Henry); Edna (Bobby); Ellen (Arthur); and Pauline (Leonard).

Sister-in-laws Lenora, Bertha (Bessie); aunt Agnes Ivanoff; uncle (Leonard), Joanne, Sarah (Ronald); Dan Omedelina; many nieces, brothers-in-law Jacob (Jane); Floyd (Helena); Elton; and Michael

Thank You from the Seetot Family

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the health aides Frieda Southall and Renee Olanna, who were by Arnold Davis Seetot's side 24/7 when he was in pain, people who baked and cooked for the family, people who sang songs, Brevig Mission Traditional Council for ordering the casket, cross maker Elton Olanna, Jr., grave diggers, people who comforted the family, Wales Choir for coming to sing for the family, and people who traveled from other villages to be with the family. Thank you to all who helped the family during our difficult time.

Honorary Pallbearers: Elmer Seetot, Jr., Walter Seetot, Delbert Seetot, Leonard S. Olanna, and Henry S. Olanna, Sr.
Pallbearers: Elmer Seetot, III, Carl Seetot, James Olanna, Ward Olanna, Sr., and Carl Rock.

Saying it Sincerely

Dan Ward
Nome Church of the Nazarene
A member of the Nome
Ministerial Association

Genesis chapter 3 gives us the story of how sin and death entered the world. The serpent first attacks God's word, "Did God really say ...?" Eve knows what God has said and repeats it back to the serpent, she even adds her own safeguard by saying that they may not even touch the tree where the forbidden fruit grows or they will die. She does not know what death is but, she wants to stay as far away as possible.

Next the serpent calls into question God's truthfulness, "You will not certainly die ...?" He plants the seeds of doubt about God's good intentions and appealing to Eve's pride, "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Eve's pride got the better of her so Eve ate the fruit, gave some to Adam, and the world has been going downhill ever since.

The rest of the Bible points to our sinfulness and to our need of Jesus Christ God's remedy.

You may think that all of this was a long time ago; and it was. But, we still have an enemy who twists God's word, who wants us to doubt God's truthfulness and good intentions. We still have our pride. And, we are still scared by sin.

So, what is the remedy, how can we have our relationship to God restored?

In the Old Testament God gave us a set of "rules" by which we could measure our lives which Jesus condensed down to

two: First, love God with all of you heart, soul, mind, and strength and second, love your neighbor as much as you love yourself. As hard as I try I find myself falling far short from obeying just these two rules; you do too. The rules do not provide a way back to right relationship with God.

The only way that we can have our relationship to God restored is through the perfect sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross. Jesus' death on the cross paid the penalty for our sins and his resurrection gives us hope, not just for the future but, for the same power that raised Jesus from the dead to be at work in our lives today

freeing us from slavery to sin. All we have to do is accept that Jesus paid the penalty for our sins and in our hearts try to live more and more like he did. It is not about obeying the rules, it is about becoming more like Jesus knowing that when we fall short he is there to pick us up and forgive us when we ask.

Easter is when we celebrate the greatest event in human history, the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We cannot become more like Jesus on our own so, go to church and celebrate with others who love Jesus and help each other as together you become more and more like Him.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Holy week and Easter schedule

Holy Thursday 7 pm
Good Friday 7 pm
Easter Sunday 11 am



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

FOR

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM
Good Friday 7:00 PM
Easter Vigil Saturday 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday 10:30 AM

Church Services Directory

Bible Baptist Church
443-2144

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

Community Baptist Church-SBC
108 West 3rd Avenue • 443-5448 • Pastor Aaron Cooper

Sunday Small Group Bible Study: 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 a.m.

Community United Methodist Church
West 2nd Avenue & C Street • 443-2865

Pastor Charles Brower

Sunday: Worship 11:00 am

Monday: Thrift Shop 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: Thrift Shop 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Wednesday: Faith Followers 5:45 to 7:30 pm

Nome Covenant Church

101 Bering Street • 443-2565 • Pastor Harvey

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

Wednesday: Youth Group 6:30 p.m. (443-8063 for more info)

Friday: Community Soup Kitchen 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

5th Avenue & Bering • 443-5295

Holy Thursday: 7 p.m.

Good Friday: 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: 11 a.m.

Handicapped accessible ramp: North side

River of Life Assembly of God

405 W. Seppala • 443-5333

Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Last Sunday of each month Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Worship: 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact Pastor Austin Jones

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Corner of Steadman & W. King Place • 443-5527

Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Saturday: 7:00 p.m.

Easter 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.

Saturday Night Radio Lineup.

5:30 p. m. - **Backhome Gospel Classics** with
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6 to 8 p. m. - **The Gospel Greats** with host,
Paul Heil

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& Friends

9 to 10 p. m. - **The Top Nine at Nine** with
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Employment

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Native preference per Public Law 93-638

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

Nome Eskimo Community is recruiting for one (1) position located in Nome, AK:

Carpenter: non-exempt, regular full-time position. The pay range is \$25.24/hour - \$28.41/hour (DOE). This position is open until April 08, 2016 at 5 pm.

For any questions, please contact the Human Resources Manager, Cathy Lyon, at 907-443-9131 or by email to cathylyon@gci.net 3.24

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 / (800)650-2248



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Norton Sound Economic Development Corporation (NSEDC) is sponsoring entry-level seafood processing training for Norton Sound residents. NSEDC will pay tuition, employment documentation costs, transportation, food, and lodging expenses for selected applicants.

Details and application available at www.nsedc.com
Application Deadline: April 1, 2016. Questions? Call (888)650-2477

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

The State of Alaska is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Reasonable accommodations will be made available to individuals with disabilities upon request to the Commission office in advance.

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 or contact Shara English at (907) 274-2248 (Anchorage), 800-650-2248 (toll-free) or hr@nsedc.com.



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For more information and an up-to-date vacancy list, go to 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

THE CITY OF NOME

**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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THE CITY OF NOME

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 ex-

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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. If you are interested in applying, please send a resume AND a completed BSRHA employment application electronically to mione@bsrha.org. The employment application can be found at our website (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
PO Box 995, Nome, Alaska 99762
Phone (907) 443-5256 • Fax (907) 443-2160 • Toll Free (800) 478-5225

3.10-17-24-31

Businessman's race draws local and countrywide competition

By Maisie Thomas

The Nome Kennel Club held its annual fundraiser, the Businessman's race, on Friday. Fourteen novice mushers from Nome to Washington, DC and almost everywhere in between tried their hand at mushing three dog teams on a three-mile loop. The weather was cool and windy, and the trail was hard packed, bumpy and fast. Non-local racers came from California, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Bethel.

The point of the businessman's race, which has been held for over 30 years, is to give people a taste of what the Iditarod is all about. Four local mushers volunteered their teams and time for the race. "The mushers are pretty much on their own, driving a team of dogs they don't know," race organizer Kirsten Bey wrote. Susanne Thomas served as race marshal and Deb Trowbridge timed the mushers.

The race started by the snow dump, went up and down a hill, up

again and looped around to a downhill finish. The wind was in the teams' faces during the up-hill part of the loop, which was a challenge for both the mushers and dogs.

The winning time came from Nome's own Riley Bennett-Vockner. Powered by a team of Pat Owens and Kamey Kapp's dogs, Bennett-Vockner completed the loop in 17 minutes, 1 second, just eight seconds faster than the second place competitor, Flora Anderson of San Francisco. To finish the race a few seconds

faster, Anderson said she would have waited to brake until farther down the decline. "I would have kept flying a little more going down the hill." But overall, Anderson said she had a good experience, "It was a great race, especially for the first one."

Angela Meyer of San Francisco took sixth place in a time of 18 minutes, 37 seconds. "Everything went really smoothly, I did have a little trouble with the dogs at the end, they went the wrong direction," Meyer said. She managed to pass the team

in front of her, only to lose the position, and time, when her team was spooked and ran from the finish line.

The race had a staggered start, with teams leaving in two-minute intervals. There were two heats of the race, so a few dog teams went around the loop twice. Terrie Hanke took the red lantern with a time of 20 minutes, 44 seconds. Two mushers, Samuel Covington and Abby Hogan, had identical times of 19 minutes, 19 seconds. Covington and Hogan tied for ninth place.



Photos by Jackie Hrabok-Lepäjärvi

BUSINESSMAN'S RACE— 14 mushers raced three-dog teams around a three-mile loop in the Nome Kennel Club's annual fundraising race.



MUSHER FOR A DAY— Participants in the businessman's race could get a taste of dog mushing on the three mile loop.

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 14, at 10:40 p.m., the Alaska State Troopers received a report of an overdue snowmobile en route to Nome from White Mountain.

Jessie Ashenfelter, 19, of White Mountain, was found in a shelter cabin after his snowmobile broke down. Ashenfelter was brought home safely.

On March 15, at approximately 4:00 p.m., George Westdahl, 58, of Brevig Mission was arrested in

Brevig Mission on two outstanding warrants out of Nome. George Westdahl was escorted to Nome by AST and lodged at Anvil Mountain Correctional Facility.

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change of property from the City of Nome to Sitanuak 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 has been passed to second reading/public hearing/final passage at a regular meeting of the

Council scheduled for **March 28, 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. 2.25, 3.10-17-24

THE CITY OF NOME

CITY OF NOME PUBLIC NOTICE

O-16-03-01 An Ordinance Adopting the Port of Nome Tariff No. 12 to Replace All Existing Tariffs of the Port of Nome

This ordinance had first reading at the regular meeting of the Nome City Council on February 22, 2016, when it was passed to second reading/public hearing/final passage at a special meeting of the Council on March 2, 2016, when it was tabled until the regular meeting of the Council scheduled for **March 28, 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. 3.10-17-24

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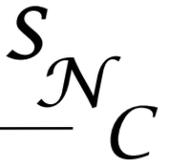
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NOTICE

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.

3.24-31.4,7-14-21

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



Photo by Nils Hahn

ROAD TO NOME — Iditarod musher Allen Moore of Two Rivers crosses the Nome-Council Road at Farley's Camp en route to a 32nd place finish during Iditarod 44 on March 16.

Court

Week ending 3/18

Civil

Okitkon, Deborah v. Jimmy, Stanislaus; Domestic Violence: Short-Term Without Children

Corona Capital LLC v. Qumiigan-Knox, Ruth Ann; Structured Settlement - Superior Court

Minor Party v. Amaktoolik, Sr., Melvin; Stalking: Short-Term Williams, Mary Louise - Old Name; King, Mary Louise - New Name; King, Kallie Cynthia - Parent; Change of Name of Minor

Doherty, Douglas E. v. Walters, Olaf; Eviction - District Court Wongitliln, Jerry; and Wongitliln, Homer v. Michels, Adrienne; Wrongful Death - Superior Court

Amaktoolik, Alice v. Jewemouk, Joshua; Domestic Violence: Short-Term With Children

Small Claims

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

Criminal

State of Alaska v. Krisanne Courtney Tom (1/9/91); Dismissal; Count I: Harassment 1st; Count II: Assault 4th; Count III and IV: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 3/14/16.

State of Alaska v. Jolene Sooleok (6/21/83); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 3/14/16.

State of Alaska v. Sophie Iyapana (12/15/96); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 113565366; Violated conditions of probation; No Action Taken; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage.

State of Alaska v. Jolene Heather Okleasik (8/29/92); Dismissal; Count I: Disorderly Conduct; Count II: Resisting Or Interfering With Arrest; Filed by the DAs Office 3/14/16.

State of Alaska v. Salvatore Campbell (11/11/59); Dismissal; Count I: Theft 4th; Count II: Concealment Of Merchandise; Filed by the DAs Office 3/18/16.

State of Alaska v. Eathen S. Ellanna (5/17/95); 2NO-14-782CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114196554; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 8/16/16.

State of Alaska v. Eathen Shawn Ellanna (5/17/95); 2NO-15-25AU Possession, Control, or Consumption of Alcohol by Person Under Age 21, First Offense; Date of Offense: 7/28/15; Fine: \$400 with \$200 suspended; Unsuspended \$200 is to be paid to the court 5/17/16; Alcohol Information School: Defendant must attend the following alcohol information school: (no indication); Probation until 5/17/16; Comply with all direct court orders listed above by the deadlines stated; Defendant may not consume inhalants or possess or consume controlled substances or alcoholic beverages, except as provided in AS 04.16.015(b).

State of Alaska v. Amy Takak (7/31/80); 2NO-15-258CR CTN 002: Assault 4; Date of Violation: 5/17/15; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 003; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 CTS; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/16/17; Shall comply with all court orders by the dead-

lines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol or controlled substance, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Amy Lee Takak (7/31/80); 2NO-16-31CR Notice of Dismissal; 001: A4; 002: CTI; Filed by the DAs Office 3/16/16.

State of Alaska v. Amy Takak (7/31/80); 2NO-16-86CR CTN 003: Escape 4th; Date of Violation: 2/7/16; CTN Chrgs Dismissed: 001, 002; 60 days, 40 days suspended; Unsuspended 20 CTS; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/16/17; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol or controlled substance, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires; Shall not have alcohol in his residence; Shall not enter or remain on the premises of any bar or liquor store; Subject to warrantless breath testing by any peace officer with probable cause to believe defendant has consumed alcohol.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Tucker (6/6/86); 2NO-15-34CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114803145; Violated conditions of probation; Probation extended to 9/16/16; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Courtney Tucker (6/6/86); 2NO-16-66CR Notice of Dismissal; 001: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 3/16/16.

State of Alaska v. Delbert Acoman (2/5/74); Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114193881; Violated conditions of probation; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 15 days; Must pay suspended \$100 jail surcharge to the AGs Office, Anchorage; All other terms and conditions of probation in the original judgment remain in effect.

State of Alaska v. Peter Arnold Desmond Weyiouanna (1/30/87); Dismissal; Count I: Assault 4th; Filed by the DAs Office 3/17/16.

State of Alaska v. Vanessa Koonooka (7/19/96); Notice of Dismissal; MCA/04.16.050(b); Filed by the DAs Office 3/7/16.

State of Alaska v. Thelma Ahkvaluk (3/13/88); Resist/Interfere with Arrest; Date of Violation: 11/12/15; 60 days, 60 days suspended; Initial Jail Surcharge: \$50 per case; Due now to AGs Office, Anchorage; Suspended Jail Surcharge: \$100 per case with \$100 suspended; Must be paid if probation is revoked and, in connection, defendant is arrested and taken to jail or is sentenced to jail; Police Training Surcharge: \$50 shall be paid through this court within 10 days; Probation until 3/16/17; Shall comply with all court orders by the deadlines stated; Subject to warrantless arrest for any violation of these conditions of probation; Shall commit no violations of law; Shall not possess, consume or buy alcohol or controlled substance, and any state ID issued under AS 18.65.310 must list the buying restriction until the restriction expires.

State of Alaska v. Luke Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-13-831CR Order to Modify or Revoke

Probation; ATN: 114192261; Violated conditions of probation; Probation terminated; Suspended jail term revoked and imposed: 40 days, not to exceed time served.

State of Alaska v. Luke Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-13-959CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114192594; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follow: defendant to complete BHS Treatment currently on-going; Probation extended to 6/1/18.

State of Alaska v. Luke Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-14-742CR Order to Modify or Revoke Probation; ATN: 114190893; Violated conditions of probation; Conditions of probation modified as follow: defendant to complete BHS Treatment currently on-going; Probation extended to 6/1/18.

State of Alaska v. Luke Phillip Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-15-653CR Dismissal; Count I: Assault 3rd; Count II: Harassment 1st; Filed by the DAs Office 3/16/16.

State of Alaska v. Luke Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-15-711CR Dismissal; Count I: VOCCR; Filed by the DAs Office 3/16/16.

State of Alaska v. Luke Topkok (7/8/88); 2NO-16-60CR Dismissal; Count I: A4; Filed by the DAs Office 3/16/16.

State of Alaska v. Brandon Ahnangnatoguk (5/7/98); Dismissal; Count I: Minor Consuming Alc.; Filed by the DAs Office 3/16/16.

State of Alaska v. Nolan Iknoknok (9/9/97); Dismissal; Count I: Harassment 1st; Count II and III: Disorderly Conduct; Filed by the DAs Office 3/16/16.

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MEDIA RELEASES 03/14/2016 through 03/20/2016

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 165 calls for service received at the Nome Police Communications Center. 79 (48%) involved alcohol. There were 14 arrests made with 14 (100%) alcohol related. NPD responded to 21 calls reporting intoxicated persons needing assistance. None were remanded to AMCC as protective holds; and 2 remained at the hospital for medical evaluation/treatment.

There were 7 ambulance calls and 0 fire calls during this period.

Monday, March 14

1:08 a.m., NPD received a report of a stolen ATV on the west end of town. Further investigation led to locating the vehicle not far from where the reporting party stated it was parked initially. The reporting party met Officers at the location the ATV was found to ensure there was no damage; which none was observed. The vehicle was released to the reporting party and no further action was required.

12:12 p.m., NPD Officers, while on routine patrol, observed a yard with an excessive amount of animal waste present. The current resident, identified as Jacob Martin, was issued a citation for Failure to Provide Sanitary Enclosures. No further enforcement action was necessary.

4:17 p.m., NPD was informed of a loose dog roaming around the west side of town. Officers arrived and picked the dog up, transported it to the Public Safety Building and attempted to find the owner.

6:00 p.m., NPD responded to the west side of town for the report of a subject causing a disturbance in front of a business. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who was issued a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct and released at the scene. No further action was required.

7:13 p.m., NPD received a report of a subject yelling at pedestrians in front of an apartment complex on the west side of town. Officers arrived, contacted the subject and provided transportation to their place of residence for the evening after issuing a warning for Disorderly Conduct.

11:01 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 arrival, no disturbance was observed and the subjects were ushered from the building without further incident. No further action was necessary.

11:36 p.m., NPD received a report of stolen property from an establishment on the west end of town. Officers responded and gathered the necessary information to identify the item. The item was later recovered and the investigation into the theft is ongoing.

11:53 p.m., NPD received a report of a subject lying on the ground in front of a business on the west side of town. Officers arrived, contacted the subject and provided transportation to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation, where they were left in the care of the Emergency Room staff.

Tuesday, March 15

12:28 a.m., NPD received a report of an assault occurring at a residence on the east end of town. Further investigation revealed that the suspect, identified as Benjamin Iknoknok, had caused injury to a member of the household and fled the scene prior officers' arrival. The victim was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical treatment for the observed injury. A report of the incident will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for the charge of Assault in the Third Degree, DV.

1:44 a.m., NPD received a report of a debit card being stolen from a residence on the east side of town. Upon contact with the reporting party, it was found that the card was given to the reported suspect and had yet to be returned in a manner deemed timely by the reporting party. No further action was required or requested by the reporting party.

3:30 a.m., NPD made contact with a female being escorted out of a licensed premises by an employee on the west side of town. The female was met by officers and given a Drunk on Licensed Premises and Disorderly Conduct warning and was instructed to return to her residence for the rest of the evening. No further enforcement action was necessary.

3:35 a.m., NPD made contact with a female yelling on the east side of town. Officers instructed the female to lower her voice due to disturbing the peace of the nearby neighbors. The female agreed to comply and was given a Disorderly Conduct warning. No further action was taken.

7:15 a.m., NPD Officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of an assault occurring within the home. Further investigation revealed that the suspect, identified as Jeffrey Kimoktoak, had caused physical injury to a member of the household. Kimoktoak was subsequently placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

Wednesday, March 16

6:41 a.m., NPD responded to the Polaris Hotel for an intoxicated male who was harassing the hotel staff. The male left the lobby area prior to NPD arrival.

Thursday, March 17

4:29 a.m., NPD officers responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of a subject attempting to assault staff within the building. Upon arrival the suspect, identified as Preston Dixon, was located and found to be on current Conditions of Probation that prohibited any violations of law. Dixon resisted being placed under arrest

and was subsequently remanded to AMCC for Resisting Arrest, Disorderly Conduct and Violating Conditions of Release, where he was held on \$1,750 bail.

Friday, March 18

5:37 a.m., NPD responded to a disturbance at an apartment complex on the west side of town. The investigation led to the arrest of Flashman Noongwook for Violating his Order and Conditions of Release. He was transported to Anvil Mountain Correctional Center; bail was set at \$1,000.00.

7:01 a.m., NPD received a report of an assault occurring inside of an apartment building on the west end of town. Officers arrived, spoke with all the witnesses and identified the suspect, who had fled the scene prior to officers' arrival. The investigation is currently on going and a report of the incident will be forwarded to the District Attorney's office for disposition.

12:21 p.m., NPD received a report of two small black curly haired dogs loose on Front St. NPD Officers arrived and were given the two loose dogs by a citizen that had captured them. The dogs were impounded to NPD and attempts were made to locate the owners. If, after five days, no owner claims the dogs, they will be put up for adoption.

2:51 p.m., NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male lying on the ground. The male was contacted, identified and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical assistance and was left in the care of the ER staff.

3:00 p.m., NPD responded to a report that Justina Adams had absconded from her court-appointed third party custodian and was in Violation of her Conditions of Release. Officers located Justina later that evening and she was placed under arrest for Violating her Conditions of Release and Probation. Adams was later remanded to AMCC, where she is held without bail.

5:04 p.m., NPD received a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on the east side of town. Upon arrival and further investigation, the suspect, identified as Dawn Oozevaseuk, was found to have caused physical injury to another member of the household with a dangerous instrument. Oozevaseuk was placed under arrest for Assault in the Third Degree, DV and Violating her Conditions of Probation. She was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical clearance and then later remanded to AMCC, where she was held without bail.

7:59 p.m., NPD CSO responded to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated male lying on the ground. The male was contacted, identified and was transported to a sober friend's house, where he was left in their care. No further action was necessary.

8:33 p.m., NPD responded to a parking lot on the north edge of town for the report of a motor vehicle collision between two vehicles. Upon arrival, the collision was found to have occurred on private property and responding Officers assisted with the exchange of information. No further enforcement action was required.

8:53 p.m., NPD responded to an apartment complex on the east side of town for the report of an intoxicated juvenile lying on an interior stairwell. The minor was contacted, identified and was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation. Once medically cleared, he was issued a citation for Minor Consuming Alcohol and was released to the custody of his sober parents.

9:28 p.m., NPD officers, while on routine patrol, observed a disturbance in front of a business on the west side of town. Officers contacted the intoxicated parties; one of whom was identified as Jackson Mokiyuk, who was found to be under the age of twenty-one and also on current Conditions of Release for two separate cases. Mokiyuk was placed under arrest for two counts of Violating his Conditions of Release and was also issued a Minor Consuming Alcohol citation. He was later remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$2,000 bail.

Saturday, March 19

12:14 a.m., NPD officers were dispatched to a shared hallway of an apartment complex for the report of a subject refusing to leave. Upon arrival, the subject was found outside of the building and agreed to stay at a family member's residence for the evening. The subject was issued a Criminal Trespass warning and was released at the scene without further incident.

4:57 a.m., NPD officers were dispatched to the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated female that required assistance to walk. Upon arrival, the subject was contacted and provided an address she would be able to stay at for the evening. She was transported to the residence and left in care of sober family members for the evening. 10:49 a.m., NPD received a report of a domestic disturbance occurring in a residence on the west side of town. Officers made contact with the reporting party and found a juvenile of the reporting party was placing the family in fear of physical injury. The Juvenile Probation Office and the Office of Children Services were contacted and both requested that the reports will be forwarded for disposition. The issue was resolved by separation within the home.

12:24 p.m., NPD received a report of theft of services at a business on the west end of town. Officers made contact with the reporting party and the suspects were identified. One of the subjects was located later in the afternoon and agreed to pay their portion of the bill. The second subject will be charged for Theft in the Fourth Degree and a report will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

12:41 p.m., NPD received a report of a domestic disturbance at an apartment complex on the west end of town. Officers responded and the investigation revealed that multiple adults were in the home engaged in a verbal dispute, causing a noise disturbance. Several of the involved parties agreed to leave the residence to prevent any further disturbance to other residents in the apartment complex.

5:19 p.m., NPD received a report that an intoxicated male was refusing to leave a business on the west side of town after being asked multiple times by an employee. Officers responded and identified the suspect as Marvin Okleasik, who was still present on the premises. Okleasik was subsequently placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass

in the Second Degree and was remanded to AMCC, where his bail was set at \$250.00. 7:24 p.m., NPD CSO responded to a building on the west side of town for the report of an intoxicated subject disrupting other persons present. Upon arrival, the subject was not causing an issue, but was asked to leave the premises after being given a verbal warning for Criminal Trespass.

8:15 p.m., NPD Officers responded to a residence on the west side of town for the report of a subject drinking alcohol while on conditions that explicitly prohibit consumption. Upon arrival the subject was contacted and identified as Jordan Lyon, who was found to be on current Felony Probation Conditions with the aforementioned conditions. The Adult Probation Officer was contacted, apprised of the situation and requested that Lyon be remanded for the violation. Lyon was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for medical evaluation and was later remanded to AMCC for Felony Probation Violation, where he was held without bail.

10:12 p.m., NPD received a report of a male kicking a female in front of a business on the west side of town. Upon arrival, the suspect had fled, but was identified by the victim as being a member of her immediate family; Woodrow Malewolkuk. Malewolkuk was later contacted, interviewed and placed under arrest for Assault in the Fourth Degree, DV and was later remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

11:03 p.m., NPD responded to west side of town for the report of a noise complaint inside of an apartment complex. Upon arrival, the occupants of the home identified the suspect as Shawn Boolowon, a visiting member of the occupant's family that was refusing to leave at the request of the family. Boolowon continued to refuse leaving the premises, even with Officers present. Boolowon was placed under arrest for Criminal Trespass in the First Degree and was remanded to the AMCC, where he was held on \$500.00 bail.

Sunday, March 20, 2016

12:07 a.m., NPD Officers were approached by a citizen that found a phone that apparently had been dropped on the west side of town. While en route to the Police Department, the owner called the phone and identified it as being theirs. The phone was returned to the owner without further incident.

1:53 a.m., NPD CSO, while on routine patrol on the west side of town, observed members of the Safety Patrol contacting an intoxicated male. The male was contacted, identified and was provided transportation to his residence, where he was left in the care of a sober family member for the evening.

2:14 a.m., ground. Officers contacted the male, who was found to live less than a block away from where he was contacted and refused any further assistance. Officers assured that the subject made it home safely.

2:36 a.m., NPD responded to a business on the west side of town for the report of an assault occurring within the building. Upon arrival, the reported suspect had fled the scene, but was later contacted and interviewed regarding the incident. The victim was provided transportation to their residence and a report of the incident will be sent to the District Attorney's Office for disposition.

3:20 a.m., drinking alcohol, which violated his current Conditions of Release and Probation. Ozenna was contacted a short time later, confirmed to be intoxicated, and was placed under arrest for Violating his Conditions of Release and Probation and was remanded to AMCC, where he was held without bail.

3:54 a.m., while fielding a separate service call, officers were informed of an intoxicated subject that needed assistance in front of a business on the west side of town. The subject provided a residence they could stay at for the evening and was provided transportation to the home, where they were left in the sober care of friends.

4:29 a.m., NPD officers responded to the front of a business on the west side of town for the report of a fight in progress. Upon arrival, several witnesses were contacted and identified Dominique Hall as the instigator of the altercation. Hall was issued a verbal warning for Disorderly Conduct and was instructed to leave the area. Hall returned, continuing to disrupt people in the area and was subsequently placed under arrest for three counts of Disorderly Conduct. Hall was later remanded to AMCC, where he was held on \$750 bail.

11:51 a.m., NPD officers contacted a loose dog running near a business on the north side of town. No owners were found and the dog was transported to the Public Safety Building while attempts were made to find the owner. Shortly thereafter the owner, identified as Raenelle Brunette, called to claim the dog and was issued a citation for Unlicensed Animal prior to its release. No further enforcement action was taken.

4:10 p.m., NPD CSO, while on routine patrol on the east side of town, observed a female staggering in the middle of the road. The female was contacted, identified and was provided transportation to a sober family member's residence, where she was left in their care.

6:46 p.m., NPD received a report from a third party that someone had been assaulted in front of a business on the west side of town. The reported victim was contacted, but denied any assault occurring and refused to provide any further details to responding Officers. The subject was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital as a precautionary measure, where they were left in the care of the Emergency Room.

8:37 p.m., NPD CSO, while on routine patrol on the west side of town, observed an intoxicated male down on the ground. The male was contacted, identified and was transported to the NEST shelter for the evening. A short time later he was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital for a reported preexisting condition and was left in the care of the ER.

9:54 p.m., NPD received a report of a subject threatening to harm themselves at a business on the west side of town. Officers arrived and contacted the subject, who substantiated the claims made by the reporting party. The subject was transported to the Norton Sound Regional Hospital, where they were left in the care of Behavioral Health Services for assistance. No further action was required.

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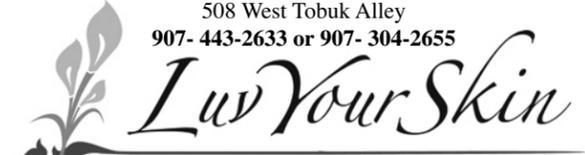
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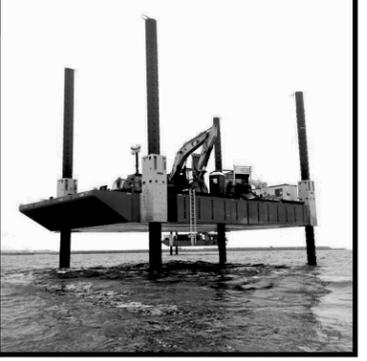
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