The City of Prince George and the Lheidli T’enneh Band are currently investigating the need for further study of a site in Fort George Park where non-contemporary human bones have been discovered near an active First Nation’s traditional cemetery, reports ArchaeologyNews.org.

Remains of the Russian ship, Kad’yak, have been discovered off Spruce Island, Alaska, according to the Juneau Empire. It wrecked in 1860 upon some rocks on its way from Kodiak carrying a cargo-hold of ice down to San Francisco. Mike Yarborough, an archaeologist from Anchorage, and Brad Stevens, marine biologist, led teams to search for the wreck of the 132-foot ship. They found it under 80 feet of water, positively identifying it through a recovered brass hub, as determined by analysts at East Carolina University. The site of the Kad’yak is important for being the only recovered Russian-era shipwreck; it’s also the oldest shipwreck site in Alaska. All of the 32 crew members of the ship survived the wreck, swimming to Spruce Island. The E’lkwha wish that property of the site will not be paved over in concrete. Many residents in Port Angeles, however, also want the jobs that would come with the dry dock. It will take time for the courts to settle the site’s final determination.

An article in The Midden on the site containing early reports first appeared last year (36(1/2)). Visit the excellent website devoted to the site, based on the lengthy series by the Seattle Times: