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Crime bill rollback muddles prison budget

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The head of Alaska's prisons warned legislators Tuesday they will need to rethink cuts to prisons if they reverse course on the criminal justice reform law approved last year.

The Senate Finance Committee is considering a pair of bills that would roll back some of the changes made in last

year's Senate Bill 91 and reinstate prison time for certain offenses.

SB 91, which was authored by North Pole Republican Sen. John Coghill, reduced or eliminated prison time for a broad range of offenses. The underlying intention of the changes was to funnel savings into programs that keep criminals from committing new crimes, including jobs programs and drug treatment.

But based on pushback from the public and law enforcement, the new bills would reinstate prison sentences of as long as a year for low-level felonies and as many as five days in jail for the second conviction of petty theft of less than \$250.



Coghill

The legislation is being met with mixed feelings by state officials and the lawmakers who worked on last year's overhaul.

Department of Corrections Commissioner Dean Williams told the committee Senate bills 54 and 55 will require a new look at the correction system's budget.

"My budget has been set with an expectation that there's going to be future contraction of

the prison population," he said, focusing on the changes to the low-level Class C felony. "This is a big part of the prison population — from 2015 data, almost 40 percent of people in prison were in for C felonies."

He said judging the impact of the new bills was difficult but looking back to 2015 was a good start.

"If we make these changes and we make

enhancements in some of these sentences, I'm looking for dollars to come back into the system to keep the system viable and a safer prison system," he said.

Some senators also had doubts about revisiting the bill so quickly, wondering whether it's fair to judge the bill on the few months it has been in place.

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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers and highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

High today 28
Low tonight 4

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Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be high (+). Weather permitting, highly active displays will be visible overhead from Utqiagvik to Fairbanks.

This information is provided by aurora forecasters at the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. For more information about the aurora, visit <http://www.gialaska.edu/AuroraForecast>

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What is best? The store-bought brand or homemade?

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SOURDOUGH JACK: "I don't want the Brown Bears on the extinct species list."



SKI BY THREE



A trio of Nordic skiers make their way up the Chena River near Graehl Landing on Tuesday afternoon, as seen from the Steese Highway overpass. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

Man faces more charges in club shooting

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A 22-year-old man accused of killing a man and critically injuring another at a nightclub shooting last fall has been indicted on additional charges.

Tevyn Alonza Davis, of Fairbanks, originally was charged with one count of second-degree murder after his arrest

March 13. Davis was indicted in Fairbanks court last week on two counts of first-degree murder, a second count of second-degree murder and one count each of first-degree assault and second-degree weapons misconduct.

Online court records did not reveal the reason for two counts of first-degree murder.

Davis is accused of shooting

Michael Hodges in the chest after two groups of people got into a fight at Bojangles nightclub Sept. 4, 2016. The fight spill into the parking lot after shots were fired inside the club, and Hodges, 27, of Fairbanks, was shot at about 2:30 a.m. He died at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital a short time later.

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World Video Game Hall of Fame names 2017 finalists

By Carolyn Thompson
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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The World Video Game Hall of Fame's 2017 finalists span decades and electronic platforms, from the 1981 arcade classic "Donkey Kong" that launched Mario's plumbing career to the 2006 living room hit "Wii Sports," that made gamers out of grandparents.

The hall of fame at The Strong museum in Rochester said Tuesday that 12 video games are under consideration for induction in May. They also include: "Final Fantasy VII," "Halo: Combat



The 12 finalists for induction this year into The Strong museum's World Video Game Hall of Fame are pictured March 16 at the museum in Rochester, New York. BETHANY MOSHER/THE STRONG VIA AP

Evolved," "Microsoft Windows Solitaire," "Mortal Kombat," "Myst," "Pokemon Red and Green," "Portal," "Resident Evil," "Street Fighter II" and "Tomb Raider."

The finalists were chosen from thousands of nominations from more than 100 countries, said museum officials, who will rely on an international committee of

video game scholars and journalists to select the 2017 class. The winners will be inducted May 4.

"What they all have in common is their undeniable impact on the world of gaming and popular culture," said Jon-Paul Dyon, director of The Strong's International Center for the History of Electronic Games.

The hall of fame recognizes electronic games that have achieved icon status and geographical reach, and that have influenced game design or popular culture.

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Troopers release names of most wanted

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Alaska State Troopers have released the names of 12 men with active felony arrest warrants and are asking for the public's help in locating them.

The men are believed to be actively participating in property crimes and are considered dangerous, troopers said.

Trooper Barry Cebulski said the public should be aware anyone caught helping a wanted person could be charged with felony first-degree hindering prosecution.

"People are like, 'I ain't snitching,' and then we get there," Cebulski said. "I have arrested people for knowingly harboring people with warrants."

The 12 men are listed here alphabetically.

• **Daniel Gray Bottomly**, 36, is wanted on a no-bail warrant for a probation violation in a 2013 felony driving under the influence conviction.



Bottomly

• **Arther Shea Lee Chesley**, 36, is wanted on three \$100,000 warrants for charges of drugs misconduct, escape and manufacturing or delivering drugs.



Chesley

• **Robert Tyrone Gentleman**, aka Bobby G, is wanted on a no-bail warrant for failing to report to jail to serve his time for a failure to stop at the direction of a



Gentleman

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