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Native groups defend oil tax plan

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Doyon, Limited, and five other Alaska Native corporations have pledged at least \$500,000 to defend the oil tax plan passed by the Legislature and Gov. Sean Parnell. The Native corporations earlier this week formed a group called "No

One on One" to oppose an effort to repeal Senate Bill 21 in the August primary election. In addition to Doyon, participating Alaska Native corporations include the Arctic Slope Regional Corp., NANA Regional Corp., Cook Inlet Region Inc., Bristol Bay Native Corp. and Bering Straits Native Corp. The six announced the coalition

in Anchorage this week, saying that the oil tax bill has promoted job and industry growth since its passage in 2013. Sarah Obed, Doyon's vice president of External Affairs, said Doyon's decision was business-driven. Doyon is heavily involved in pipeline service operations, including pipeline construction, security,

catering, maintenance and other services, she said. "It definitely impacts on our oil field-service companies," she said. "Those companies rely on sound fiscal policy that create investment and economic growth." She said about 70 percent of Doyon's Alaska employees are employed in the oil-service industry.

The oil tax bill also has a more direct impact on Doyon's businesses. The company is actively working in the so-called frontier basins to explore for new sources of oil outside the North Slope and Cook Inlet. The Legislature created a series of tax credits and incentives for such

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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

A partly cloudy, but warm day is expected today with highs in the 70s.

High today 72
Low tonight 47

Sunrise: 3:37 a.m.
Sunset: 12:01 a.m.

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Lathrop girls and West Valley boys fall at state soccer.

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NOT IN KANSAS

Dance Theatre Fairbanks heads north up "Yellow Brick Road."

Latitude 65

SOURDOUGH JACK:
"Dispose of those cigarettes properly, y'all."



Fire damages Gambardella's



A fire started by a cigarette butt in a flower planter box outside Gambardella's restaurant damaged the front of the building, seen from inside the restaurant Thursday afternoon. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

Cigarettes in flower planters have caused multiple fires this month

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A flower box used as an ash tray resulted in a small fire that caused minor damage to the front of Gambardella's Pasta Bella restaurant on Second Avenue early Thursday morning.

The Fairbanks Fire Department was called at 5:50 a.m. when someone driving by the restaurant saw the front wall burning, Battalion Chief Ernie Misiewicz said.

Firefighters responded and found the front wall of the restaurant on fire. Firefighters could see

flames inside the restaurant through the window but a sprinkler system activated as they entered the building and put the fire out inside the restaurant, Misiewicz said.

"The sprinkler system basically saved the day," he said. "It kept the fire in check in the front portion of the dining room."

"Had the sprinkler system not activated, there would have been significant damage to that building," he said.

The fire was reportedly caused by someone putting a

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A fire caused damage at Gambardella's, seen here Thursday afternoon. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

Alleged pipeline bomber set to be released

Olson will be electronically monitored pending trial

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The alleged 1978 trans-Alaska oil pipeline bomber will be released on electronic monitoring pending trial.

The U.S. Attorney announced last week that Fairbanks resident Phillip Martin Olson, 61, told the FBI in November that he caused the explosion in the Nordale Road area that spilled 12,000 to 14,000 barrels of crude oil.

He's not facing charges directly related to the bombing because the statute of limitations has expired, but he was charged with three counts of making a false report for allegedly trying to implicate a second person in the bombing. He also was charged with having 26 marijuana plants at his home when police came to arrest him last week.



Olson

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ADFG hopes dead bears mean more moose in western Interior

State kills 64 bears in unit 19A

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For the second year in a row, state wildlife biologists have killed dozens of bears in part of the western Interior

as part of a plan to increase the number of moose available for subsistence hunters in the area.

Biologists from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks shot and killed 64 bears — 54 blacks and 10 grizzlies — from a helicopter along the Kuskokwim River near the village of Sleetmute, which is located about 400 miles southwest of Fairbanks.

It was the second year of a two-year predator control project requested by local villagers and endorsed by the Alaska Board of Game. Last year, biologists killed 89 bears (84 black and five grizzly) in what state wildlife officials called the "Bear Control Focus Area," a 534-square mile area of state and private lands in game management unit 19A.

The area covers only a small part

of the unit, which encompasses nearly 10,000 square miles upriver from Aniak in the western Interior. It is located along and south of the Kuskokwim River in what wildlife officials say used to be the best moose hunting area in the unit.

But the moose population in unit 19A has declined in recent years and

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