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Inside Today Three Olympians teach two-day swimming clinic at Hamme Pool. » SPORTS, D1

GOOD MORNING



The weather.
Back to cloudy, rainy weather today.
High today 61
Low tonight 52

Sunrise: 4:51 a.m.
Sunset: 11:00 p.m.

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A FAIR KICK-OFF
It's opening weekend for the Tanana Valley State Fair.
LATITUDE 65

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ARCHERY PRACTICE
New archery range off Farmers Loop recently opened.
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SOURDOUGH JACK:
“Now I don’t know what I wanna do first, check out the fair or the archery range!”



Police chase ends with suicide

Man found dead in car at Airport Way intersection

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A 31-year-old Fairbanks man shot and killed himself as Fairbanks police pursued him early Thursday morning in relation to an alleged assault.

Takory Lyn Stern was found dead inside a Ford Taurus at the intersection of Airport Way and Lathrop Street after a short chase that began on east Cowles Street near Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. Police say Stern died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The chase began after police were called to a residence on Kellum Street at approximately 1:30 a.m. when Stern allegedly showed up with a gun, looking for his ex-girlfriend, who was at the residence.

“He showed up at the door and a gun was seen; that’s when we were

called,” said Det. Scott Adams with the Fairbanks Police Department. “People who know him know he has a tendency to be assaultive.”

Stern served more than five years in prison for shooting a man twice during a party in a Turner Street apartment in September 2002. He originally was charged with attempted murder in that case but pleaded guilty to a lesser assault charge.

Stern never entered the apartment and fled in the Taurus before police arrived, Adams said. An officer responding to the scene

passed Stern head-on en route to the scene and turned around to pursue him. The officer activated his emergency lights near the hospital but Stern didn’t stop.

Instead, Stern took off at a high speed and turned west on Davis Road and then north on Peger Road. Stern then turned east on Airport Way, running over the median as he did so. He began slowing down as he approached Lathrop Street and stopped in the left turn lane, police said.

CHASE » A7

Bustling Point Thomson



Project Manager Nate Sanborn points to a well while talking to the media at Point Thomson on Thursday. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER

Gas field’s development could be key to North Slope’s future

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POINT THOMSON — With less than three weeks before voters decide the fate of an oil tax system the industry has spent millions to defend, ExxonMobil invited a group of reporters to visit North Slope’s Point Thomson gas field.

Reporters from the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner and Anchorage-based media outlets took an ExxonMobil flight on Thursday to tour what is said to be one of the busiest places of development on the North Slope.

So far, activity on Point Thomson, which sprung to life after a landmark settlement with the state over decades of inactivity, has been unseen by the media since work began two seasons ago.

Cheery industry PowerPoint presentations and breathlessly enthusiastic reports from lawmakers (who hitched their political careers to Senate Bill 21) paint



A backhoe works on gravel slopes surrounding a bridge on Thursday. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER

a picture of bustling activity that’s putting hundreds of Alaskans to work and pumping hundreds of millions into the economy.

The trip on Thursday was the first to invite media to the site, which is home to some 8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and hundreds of millions of barrels of diesel-like gas condensate.

And to the credit of the multibillion-dollar international oil

company and pro-Senate Bill 21 politicians, yes, there really is a load of activity at Point Thomson.

Fresh gravel and innovation

The 50-acre main pad is home to a permanent camp, a temporary

POINT THOMSON » A8

State buys land for veterans’ cemetery

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After years of searching and one false start, the state has purchased land it says will become the location for the Interior’s first veterans’ cemetery.

The Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs announced Thursday it has purchased 320 acres of land in Fox. The land is located about two miles down Goldstream Road on the west side of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline on a hilltop looking south, according to the department.

CEMETERY » A8

Trustees resolve foundation dispute

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The seven trustees in charge of a major Fairbanks charitable foundation resolved a dispute Thursday that caps attorney fees related to Bill Stroecker’s estate at no more than \$500,000.

Stroecker, a Fairbanks banker and civic leader, died in 2010. His estate has remained open pending the disagreement between the trustees of his foundation. A minority group of trustees, including Cory Borgeson, Richard Heiren and Jerry Walker, had sought outside review over the handling of the estate, including the cost of attorney fees billed to the law firm of majority trustee Richard W. Hompesch II.

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