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Toddler dies after ATV crash

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Alaska State Troopers in Delta Junction are investigating the death of a 22-month-old who developed breathing problems after an ATV crash.

On Monday afternoon, the child, identified as Charles Gross, was not breathing and was taken to Family Medical Clinic in Delta Junction, according to a trooper news release. It was reported to the troopers that Gross initially had difficulty breathing after an ATV crash a few days ago but seemed to improve.

Gross was transported to Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage for further treatment and died Wednesday.

Gross' next of kin have been notified.

Contact the newsroom at 459-7572.

Board cuts 12 elementary teaching jobs

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After hours of going over and over line item cuts recommended by the school district, Fairbanks North Star Borough school board members cut 12 elementary teaching positions that will raise the pupil teacher ration in grades K-6 by 0.5 students.

Members had held out on increasing class size in elementary schools, but after almost four hours of tediously searching, the motion was made and passed four to three, with

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Is it real?

Video of Toronto mayor allegedly smoking crack has Canada abuzz.
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Sourdough Jack sez:

"Folks, I believe it's time we changed our name to 'The Snowy Heart City.'"

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Here we go again



Photos by Tina Graham

Carol and Haze Elliott, from South Carolina, brave the snow near the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. At first, they were excited about the snow, feeling like they were really having an Alaskan experience. "It can stop now," they joked.



Above: The Department of Transportation plows the Nenana River Canyon on Friday. Right: German visitor Florian Fink sets up camp at Riley Creek Campground. After spending 10 nights in Anchorage, he took the train north in hopes of finding better weather. He said his sleeping bag was rated to zero degrees and that he was planning on making the best of things.



Denali hit hard as storm dumps snow in the Interior

By KRIS CAPPS
For the News-Miner

DENALI PARK — Christmas music played Friday in the lobby of the McKinley Chalet Resort, just outside Denali National Park and Preserve.

It was fitting, considering the weather outside.

A heavy spring snowstorm dumped enough snow in the area to cancel some local events, keep people from driving and surprise a few tourists.

A winter storm watch remained in effect until this morning.

"The guests are actually enjoying the experience," said Craig Pester, district manager of Aramark's Denali resorts. "We had to change a couple tours around so they didn't get the full experience, but all the guests are very happy. They're kind of making it part of their adventure."

Indeed, the Elliotts who are visiting from South Carolina thought the snow was pretty exciting, as they huddled behind an umbrella. What an Alaska experience, they said.

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Yukon River ice jam results in Eagle flood

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A Yukon River ice jam caused severe flooding early Friday morning in Eagle, resulting in significant damage to seven homes in the community.

The river jammed about 12:30 a.m., causing water and ice to creep into the town. A National Weather Service River Watch Team reported the jam was about 12 miles downriver from Eagle at Calico Bluff.

Pat Sanders, who works for the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve, said the resulting flood knocked seven homes off their foundations in Eagle, while nine other out-buildings were destroyed.

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Photo courtesy Pat Sanders, National Park Service

Ice from the Yukon River encroaches on the town of Eagle on Friday. An ice jam down-stream of the small town sent floodwaters and ice into the community Friday morning, damaging several homes and destroying other out-buildings.

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