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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Today will be slightly colder and cloudy with snow likely.

High today .....11
Low tonight .....-8

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Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be moderate. Weather permitting, moderate displays will be visible overhead from Barrow to Talkeetna.

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.gi.alaska.edu/AuroraForecast

BACK IN THE MIX

Seniors lead Nanooks men's basketball team into GNAC tournament.

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A MODERN TAKE ON MEATBALLS

Dish is perfect for time-constrained cooks.

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SOURDOUGH JACK: 'I'd rather it be cloudy with a chance of meatballs.'



Robbery suspect armed with BB gun

Man leaves hospital, is moved to FCC

By Sam Friedman SFRIEDMAN@NEWSMINER.COM

The lone adult suspect in a Fairbanks apartment robbery last week carried an unloaded, 'realistic looking' BB gun into the gunfight, according to the charging document filed against him Tuesday.

Isaiah Cross, 21, carried a BB gun, and his alleged accomplice, a 16-year-old boy, carried a 9mm pistol as they approached a Wedgewood Estates apartment where Cross later told Fairbanks police he planned to collect on a debt.

Five people were in the apartment about 2 a.m. when Cross and the juvenile knocked on the door. One, a 30-year-old man who Cross said owed him money, had a .40 caliber pistol and opened fire on the two alleged robbers.

In an ensuing gunfight, at least 10 shots were fired, and the man with the .40-caliber was shot once. The bullet lodged into his spine, but he's expected to survive, according to Fairbanks police.

Cross was shot several times. He was hospitalized at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and was moved to Fairbanks Correctional Center on Tuesday.

Cross was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of first-degree robbery. He has previously been represented by the Public Defender Agency, including in

his one previous felony conviction, a December theft of a vehicle that was left warming up outside a Fairbanks pawn shop. Cross had a warrant out for his arrest related to that case when he was arrested this week. He's being held without bail at FCC.

Fairbanks District Attorney Michael Gray declined to discuss the possibility of charging the juvenile suspect in the adult court system, saying he can't comment on juvenile cases.

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OPEN WIDE



Above: 'You have beautiful teeth,' Dr. Jack Westfall tells 3-year-old Liam McDevitt and his mother, Kelly, right, while he and Dr. Mishelle Nace of Tanana Valley Pediatrics look at his teeth as young children receive free oral health exams and fluoride treatments. The exams were part of the Cavity Free at Three Program training Tuesday at the Tanana Valley Clinic. The clinic, with Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and the American Academy of Pediatrics, hosted the master trainer program for all interested medical and dental professionals.

Right: Dr. Letha Archer, pediatrician at the Fairbanks Clinic, inspects the teeth of Brigham Ames, 2. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER



Union threatens action in principal hiring

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The Fairbanks Principals Association has weighed in on an argument between the superintendent and parents at Denali Elementary School about the hiring of a new principal.

The association sent a letter to the Fairbanks North Star Borough school board warning of possible legal action if the board intervenes in the hiring process.

The controversy began in February after longtime Denali principal Tim Doran announced his retirement at the end of the school year. Superintendent Pete Lewis opened the position to applications from principals in the district before opening it to others.

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Man faces similar assault charges

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A Fairbanks man faces charges of choking his girlfriend in two similar incidents in December and March.

For the second time in a little more than three months, Karl Frederick Kietzman, 46, was charged Saturday with second-degree felony assault for allegedly choking his girlfriend to past or near the point of unconsciousness.

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After Parnell decision, refinery CEO says sale unlikely

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JUNEAU — A day after Gov. Sean Parnell said he'll make it easier for a third party to buy the soon-to-be-closed Flint Hills Refinery in North Pole but won't let Flint Hills bargain its way off the

hook for contamination cleanup, the Flint Hills Refinery CEO states in a letter to the governor that the sale is now unlikely.

'I am now in the position of having to tell the buyer that it appears the State of Alaska has no interest in seeing this refinery operate in the future without

extracting unreasonable concessions from Flint Hills,' Flint Hills CEO Brad Razoook wrote to Parnell on Tuesday.

Razoook also took issue with said Parnell's offer to protect the potential buyer.

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