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Marijuana grow gets green light

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The Planning Commission voted 7-1 to approve a permit for Green Bee, a marijuana cultivation facility, despite a fierce and well-organized campaign by residents of the Badger Road area neighborhood to stop the business.

The pot grow is opening on property zoned for general use, the most permissive zone in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

A few dozen residents of the Benshoof Subdivision near Bradway Road testified against the business. They provided a 100-page binder outlining their opposition to the Planning Commission.

“The fact of the matter is that you have had 32 years to rezone your neighborhood but you wanted it to be GU,” Planning Commission member John Perreault said.

He encouraged neighborhoods who want to be residen-

tial in nature to check their zoning and to change it accordingly.

Neighbors hostile to Green Bee said they will continue their fight.

They have 15 days to appeal the Planning Commission’s decision to provide Monique Daigle a conditional use permit to open her cultivation facility.

Neighborhood residents, including Christa Dyer, said they also plan to take their case to the Alaska Marijuana Con-

trol Board when Daigle seeks approval for a state cultivator’s license.

Dyer said the neighborhood will ask for a nearby school bus stop to be treated like a school building.

Borough code and state rules for pot businesses require a 500-foot buffer between marijuana businesses and schools.

A few members of the Planning Commission said they were reluctant to vote yes on the permit but they felt they

had little choice given the lenient zoning on the property.

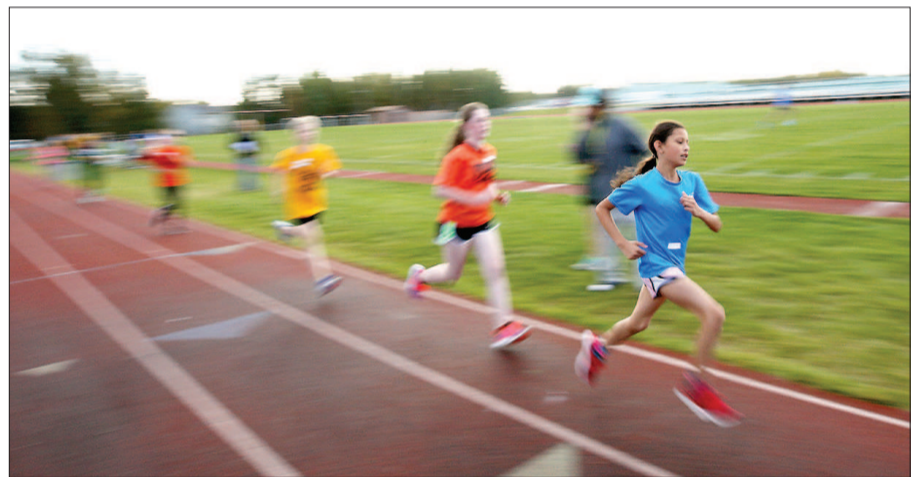
The growing operation would go in with a Toyostove retailer on one side and a dwelling on the other.

The Spoken Word Tabernacle Church is two doors down. Next to the church is another business, according to a map provided by the borough Community Planning Department.

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LEAPS AND BOUNDS

Runners leave the starting line in the boys 400-meter race during the Middle School Track and Field Meet hosted by Ryan Middle School on Wednesday at the Lathrop High School track. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER PHOTOS



Left: North Pole’s Madeline Castillo leads the pack in the girls 1,600-meter race. She finished third. Right: Randy Smith seventh-grader Saige May competes in the long jump.

ALASKA DELEGATION:

Don’t punish DACA group

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Alaska’s all-Republican congressional delegation expressed guarded support for immigration reform after President Donald Trump’s announced he is dismantling a 2012 immigration policy that allows immigrants who entered the United States illegally as children to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and to be eligible for a work visa.

As of 2017, nearly 800,000 young adults were enrolled in the program.

Each Alaska member of Congress approached the issue differently; however, all three noted that the immigrant children, often referred to as “Dreamers,” were brought to the U.S. through no fault of their own.

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Man accused of threatening postal worker

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A Tanana man faces assault and weapons misconduct charges after he reportedly threatened to kill a village postal worker and pushed his aunt down after she confronted him about driving drunk.

Francis James Roberts, 19, had numerous loaded rifles

“I am not afraid of you, you can only win a Pyrrhic victory over me.”

Frankie James post on Facebook

in his home and vehicle, and made statements on his Facebook page that he wanted to kill “American criminal invaders” so they could “learn the political consequence of invading other

people’s countries.”

According to a criminal complaint filed in Fairbanks court Wednesday, a woman contacted Alaska State Troopers at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday to report

Roberts had threatened to hurt a post office worker after the woman was unable to give him his mail. Another woman told troopers Roberts had been out in his yard earlier screaming he wanted to “kill every American” and had made disturbing Facebook posts under the name Frankie James.

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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Mostly cloudy. Showers, patchy fog in the morning. Mostly cloudy tonight.

High today 62
Low tonight 41

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.
Sunset: 8:43 p.m.

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SOURDOUGH JACK:

“We might get rain today, but I wouldn’t jump to conclusions.”

HURRICANE IRMA



This satellite image from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows Hurricane Irma bearing down on Puerto Rico on Wednesday. Its record 185 mph winds devastated Barbuda and knocked out power for 900,000 in Puerto Rico. For more on Hurricane Irma, see Page 5. NOAA.GOV PHOTO

Facebook: Russians bought ads during 2016

By Mary Clare Jalonick and Jake Pearson
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WASHINGTON — Hundreds of fake Facebook accounts, probably run from Russia, spent about \$100,000 on ads aimed at stirring up divisive issues such as gun control and race relations during the 2016 U.S. presidential election, according to the social network Wednesday.

Although the number of ads is relatively small, the disclosure provides a more

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