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Borough OKs upgrading of transfer sites

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Two borough trash dumping sites are on track to be rehabilitated later this month, while the Borough Assembly appropriated \$4.1 million Thursday to improve six more municipal transfer sites.

Transfer sites are peppered

around the Fairbanks North Star Borough for residents outside city limits to drop off their household trash.

A few years ago, the borough developed a plan for fixing up and expanding the aging sites.

The capital improvement projects started last summer and will continue into next year after Thursday's appropriation.

The improvements come as the Mayor's Office continues to explore ways to boost management at the sites to keep them orderly and to divert illegal commercial trash dumping.

The Farmers Loop West Transfer Site, located across from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, is the latest to have a greeter temporarily posted, Bob Jordan, solid waste manager for the borough, said.

The site is being monitored, and commercial trash brought there is being redirected to the borough landfill.

The overall plan for increasing management at the sites is in the exploratory phase, Borough Mayor Karl Kassel said.

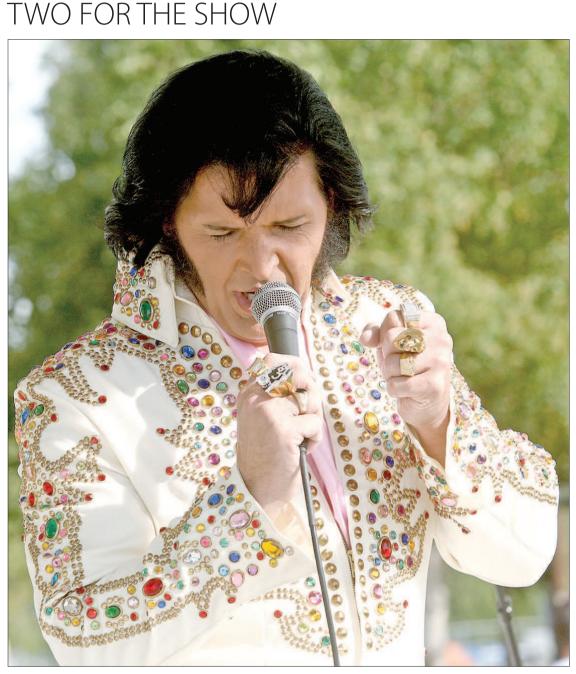
"The only decision that has

been made is we can do better than the existing program," he said.

The remodeling work at the transfer sites began with the Farmers Loop East Transfer Site last summer.

"It became the model," Jordan told the assembly.

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Trump doubles down on 'fire and fury' vow

By Eric Talmadge and Johathan Lemire ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA — Notbacking down, President Trump warned Donald Kim Jong Un's government Thursday to "get their act together" or face extraordinary trouble, and suggested he had been too mild when he vowed to unleash "fire and fury" on North Korea if it continued to threaten the U.S.

"Maybe that statement wasn't tough enough," Trump said, in the latest U.S. salvo in an escalating exchange of threats between the nuclear-armed nations.

A day after North Korea laid out plans to strike near Guam with unsettlingly specificity, there was no observable march toward combat, despite the angry rhetoric from both sides. Still, the stage is set for new confrontation soon. U.S. and South Korean military officials plan to move ahead with large-scale exercises later this month that North Korea, now finalizing plans to launch a salvo of missiles toward Guam, claims are a rehearsal for war. The exercises are an annual event, but come as Pyongyang says it is

Alaska governor, senators respond to threat

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Tension between the U.S. and North Korea after bold statements

from leaders of both



The Alaskan Elvis Experience Bill Isca performs Thursday afternoon on the Ferguson Field Stage at the Tanana Valley State Fair. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Mostly cloudy in the morning becoming partly sunny. Showers. Tonight: Cloudy.

High today70 Low tonight50

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Sunrise: 4:35 a.m. Sunset: 10:58 p.m.

SOURDOUGH JACK: "Elvis' favorite fair food is a fried peanut butter and jelly sandwich topped with a hunka hunka burnin' funnel cake."

NP couple sentenced for beating puppy

By Dorothy Chomicz DCHOMICZ@NEWSMINER.COM

A North Pole couple accused of starving and beating

a 6-month-old puppy last winter was given suspended sentences Thursday after reaching a plea deal with the state. Denise John-

Carroll, 22, and Leon-Leo ard Edward Kriska, 22, were each indicted in February

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Alaska's Walker top civilian officials.

Gov. Bill Walker said he was "concerned" about a missile potentially hitting the state.

Given Alaska's strategic location as the second-closest state to North Korea, behind Hawaii, these recent developments

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A man watches a local news program Thursday on North Korea's threats to strike Guam with ballistic missiles at the Seoul Train Station in Seoul, South Korea. AP PHOTO/AHN YOUNG-JOON



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