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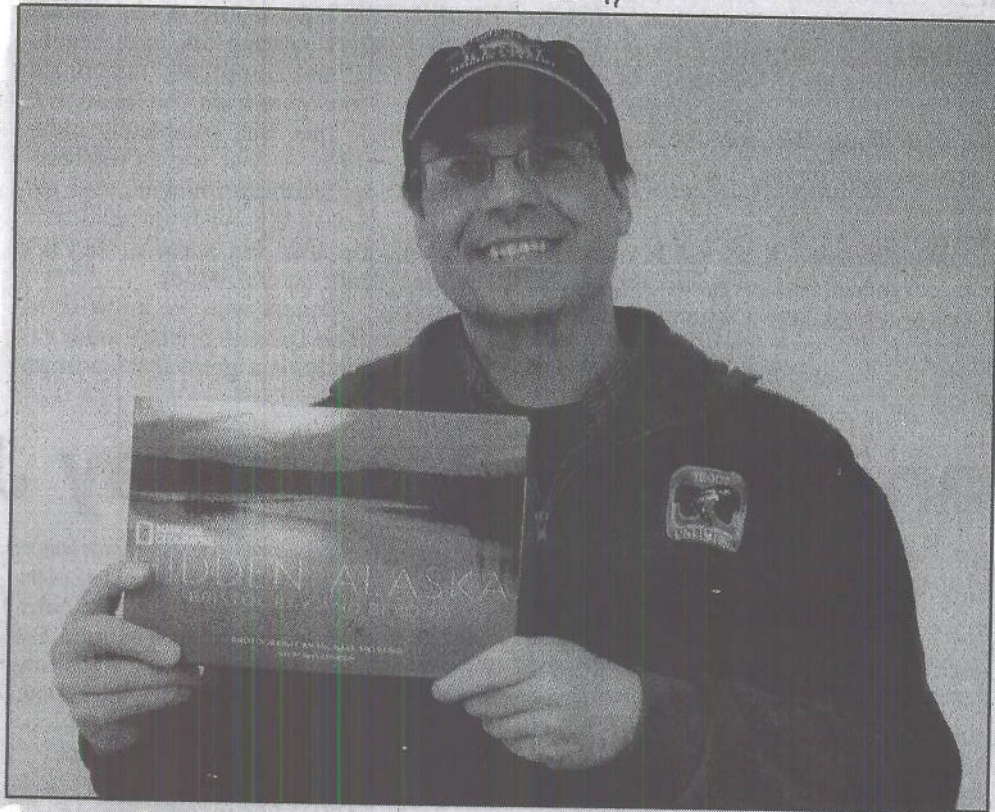
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There's the presumption of innocence which we all enjoy as Americans. ... At the same time, these judges and magistrates still have to look out for the interest of public safety, because the allegations are not there for no reason.

— Aaron Parker, Alaska Pretrial Services

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Alaska's inner beauty(?)

Photo by Brielle Schaeffer

Steve Atcheson poses with his new book, "Hidden Alaska: Bristol Bay and Beyond."

Millions of people watched Sarah Palin pretend to be a Bristol Bay fisherman a couple years ago; how can Bristol Bay be considered "hidden." "Beyond" Bristol Bay? (What would be Russia)

Oh, and how can a state have "inner beauty"?

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Uneasy feeling

Have you ever witnessed something and had an uneasy feeling about what happened? I'm not talking about people actually doing something inappropriate, just that when you witness something you don't feel comfortable.

That's the feeling I got as I listened to the last School Board meeting.

From the Editor's Desk

by Michael Paschall

The Board, especially member Rich Mauer, has spoken about transparency in the actions of the Board on several occasions recently. I watched in August as he threw the motions out on the table for each item as it came up and thought - way to go! I'm all for meetings where proper rules of order are followed - put the motion on the table and then open for discussion. Let everyone weigh in and then vote. Interestingly, many topics have seen several questions and comments recently during meetings.

But at least when the Board add

As Chandler would say; Could you be any more vague?

Parnell emerges as central

figure in ending session

← out of nowhere!

By BECKY BOHRER
Associated Press

JUNEAU — Hopes were raised Thursday for ending the special session as early as next week, and Gov. Sean Parnell, who's had an at-times prickly relationship with the Senate, stood as central figure in helping bring about the end.

Senate leaders weren't clear on what more Parnell needed to say or do for the Senate Finance Committee to advance a capital budget and break through the current impasse with the

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House. The committee's Republican co-chair, Bert Stedman, allowed only that there are "a lot of component parts" in the negotiations. (Besides the capital budget, coastal management and long-term funding for one of Parnell's pet projects, student scholarships, are also outstanding.)

But Stedman called Par-

nell "very critical" to helping reach an acceptable solution to the budget mess more quickly. Both Stedman and Senate President Gary Stevens said Thursday that the session could be wrapped up sometime next week.

If the session went the full 30 days, it would end May 17.

Parnell has seemed to have taken on a more active role in the process of late. This week alone, the Republican governor has spoken by phone or met personally with legislative leaders each day.

No way! That's what the Governor's supposed to do; that's 8th grade civics. (Becky sure is a "bohr" huh?)

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HUNTERS' POLAR BEAR TROPHIES BANNED FROM U.S.

Exiled by law



Photo by CHRIS BUTLER / AP

Martell, 70, shown with a hybrid polar bear at his Glens Ferry, Idaho, home on April 15, has traveled the globe hunting big game and killed another polar bear in 2009 but has not been able to get it back into the U.S. because it is listed as a threat-

This article is about a stuffed bear. Yeah, that's right; a lousy stuffed bear. How can a dead bear be "exiled." Man, Alaska, you're so not ready for primetime.