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September 16, 2008

I am in receipt of your e-mail request dated September 13, 2008. This letter transmits the requested documents as follows:

- (1) A copy of all correspondence from Governor Sarah Palin or the Office of the Governor in the office of the State of Alaska's, Violent Crimes Compensation Board (January 1, 2007 to the present) and
- (2) A copy of all reasonably accessible e-mail from Governor Sarah Palin or the Office of the Governor in the office of the State of Alaska's, Violent Crimes Compensation Board (January 1, 2007 to the present)

It is a pleasure to provide this information.

Respectfully,



Susan L. Browne
Administrator

Browne, Susan L (DOA)

From: Michelle A Fabrello
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2007 10:14 AM
To: Browne, Susan L (DOA)
Subject: Crime Victims' Rights Week
Attachments: Crime Victims' Rights Week.doc

Hello Susan,

We have a proclamation request from Victims for Justice for Crime Victims' Rights Week proclamation. I was hoping you would be able to review the proclamation and approve the language or make changes you might feel necessary.

Thank you.

Michelle Fabrello
Coordinator for Constituent Relations
Office of the Governor
(907) 465-3130 (phone)
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Browne, Susan L (DOA)

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2007 11:36 AM
Subject: Ethics Act
Attachments: Summary of Ethics and Disclosure Changes for the Executive Branch.pdf; Designated Ethics Supervisors.doc; Ethics Message from Governor Palin.doc

Dear State Employee,

As you may know, this week I signed legislation to improve Alaska's ethics and disclosure laws. I would like to thank the many employees, lawmakers and citizens who helped to craft this legislation that will allow our government to operate in a more open and transparent fashion. Let's commit to making our state better and make state government more trustworthy, accountable and responsive to those we serve – the residents of Alaska!

The legislation's changes to the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act take effect immediately, as do some of its changes to the disclosure laws. **These changes may apply to YOU.** Please take a moment and read through the attached summary so you will know how these laws have changed and how those changes may affect you.

The changes to the Executive Branch Ethics Act concern

- When your financial interest in a business is considered insignificant under the Ethics Act;
- Gifts to you and your family members from lobbyists;
- Your employment after leaving state service;
- Working in the same unit as your family members;
- When your activities constitute "official action";
- Using state aircraft for political purposes;
- Lobbying after leaving state service; and
- Serving on boards after leaving state service.

The changes to the disclosure laws — which apply to certain high-level positions in the executive branch and to many boards and commissions — concern

- Electronic filing of financial disclosures;
- Including more details in financial disclosures;
- Disclosures upon leaving state service; and
- Disclosures from additional boards and commissions.

In addition, a change to the criminal laws requires public servants to report promptly to law enforcement agents when they know or reasonably should know of bribery of a public servant.

A summary of these changes is attached. To see a copy of the legislation, go to <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/25/Bills/HB0109G.PDF>.

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If you have questions about how the legislation may apply to your circumstances, please contact your designated ethics supervisor. If you don't know who your designated ethics supervisor is, a list of designated ethics supervisors is also attached.

I appreciate all of you and the outstanding work you do. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sarah Palin
Governor

Browne, Susan L (DOA)

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Wednesday, November 21, 2007 3:48 PM
To: SOA All employees
Subject: Voices Across Alaska: State Budget Priorities
Attachments: Voices Across Alaska State Budget Priorities 11 21 07.pdf



Good afternoon! I am inviting all Alaskans to become involved in the state budget process by participating in a web survey.

Voices Across Alaska: State Budget Priorities is an opportunity for all Alaskans to provide your opinion on how the state's projected budget surplus should be saved and invested.

We all know oil prices will not remain at record levels forever, and planning ahead will help ensure that we really are kicking off a new era of tax stability. Under ACES, surplus revenue of approximately \$1.6 billion could be realized this year.

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to become part of the process.

We will use your input to complete the FY2009 budget plan, which will be released to the public and the Legislature for consideration in mid-December.

Surveys will be accepted through 5 p.m. on December 3, 2007.

The survey can be accessed at www.alaska.gov or www.gov.state.ak.us.

Browne, Susan L (DOA)

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2007 3:55 PM
To: SOA All employees
Subject: Putting Alaska First - December 2007

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Dec 20 2007

Items of Interest

**Peak Performance
 Denali Awards
 Coming Soon!**

The nomination period for the second annual Governor's Peak Performance Denali Awards, which recognize outstanding employees and teams for excellence in service to the state, will be Jan. 1-Feb. 15. Outstanding State of Alaska employees can be nominated in four categories – coworker recognition, excellence in customer service, exceptional performance and leadership.

Nominations can be made by any employee, including self-nomination. For more information about the nomination process, please visit the website at <http://dop.state.ak.us/index.php?id=1120>.

Nominations must be made on the official nomination form for the appropriate award category. Each nomination must be submitted to the employee's departmental Denali Award representative by Feb. 15. Department Denali Award representatives are:



Christmas is a season for good will and hope to spread across Alaska, from our small villages to our largest cities, and to brighten even the darkest, coldest winter. It is so blessed to live and work in a state rich in resources and opportunities.

Great things are happening in Alaska every day. As we approach 50 years as a state, we reflect on how far we've come and how far we can still go, limited only by our determination. We have so much to be thankful for as we celebrate this special season of giving and fellowship, love and charity.

I want to thank Alaska's service men and women for their devoted service to our state. I am deeply grateful for their courage, bravery and personal sacrifice. May they be protected and may they return home safely and quickly to their loved ones.

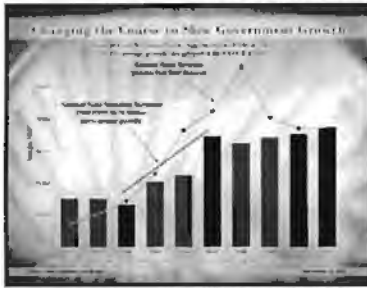
To every Alaskan, may the peace and goodwill of this special season fill every warm every home with the blessings that fill our lives.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

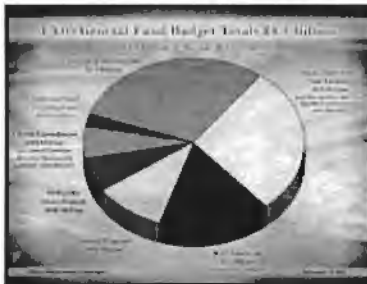
**FY09 BUDGET
 SLOWING GOVERNMENT GROWTH**

We presented a budget on Dec. 10 to the Legislature, five days before the Dec. 15 mandate. Our \$4.6 billion budget, which includes pro-business, pro-family initiatives, is part of a fiscal plan for Alaska.

FY09 Budget Documents



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Changing the Course to Slow
Government Growth



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FY09 General Fund Budget

that builds on our commitment to slow the trend of government growth, from an average of 14 percent to only four percent.

The plan is based on three principles – saving for the future, living within our means and controlling government spending and ramping up resource development. Our plan focuses on investment in core services and constitutionally mandated state responsibilities.

I announced a \$7.1 billion savings and investment plan on Dec. 5. The savings portion of our proposal is a key element of our fiscal plan. By setting money aside, Alaska will be able to meet its obligations – like funding schools, public safety and infrastructure – when oil prices drop, revenues decline and the federal largesse that we're so used to may not continue at the same level that Alaska has seen in the past.

We are extremely blessed with a projected surplus of \$4.6 billion. This gives us the opportunity to do more than save for near term spending. We have an unprecedented opportunity to save for future generations.



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Lt. Governor Sean Parnell
building the FY09 propose

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**Flags Lowered for
Secretary of the
Alaska Constitutional
Convention**

Judge Tom Stewart Dead at 88

Governor Sarah Palin ordered state flags lowered to half-staff on Dec. 18 in honor and memory of retired Superior Court Judge Thomas Stewart. Judge Stewart died Dec. 12 in Juneau. He was 88.

Judge Stewart served in the territorial House of Representatives and served as a senator in the first session of the Alaska Legislature. He was the secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention in 1955 and 1956. Judge Stewart also served as Superior Court Judge in Juneau from 1966 until his retirement in 1981.M

During World War II, he was a U.S. Army captain in the 10th Mountain Division ski troops, serving in Italy and the Aleutian Islands.

"We lost a true visionary and a wealth of Alaska knowledge," said Governor Palin. "We can forever hold on to Judge Stewart's Alaskan spirit and his guidance for the future if we abide by the constitution he helped create. Todd

10 QUESTIONS

Commissioner Click Bishop
Department of Labor and Workforce Development



**Q: Commissioner, please describe your pe
background?**

I first came to Alaska in 1959. My father work Construction Company My summers as a yo were spent around Alaska on construction pr Ketchikan to Kotzebue and just about every t on the Alaska State Highway System. I am a generation construction worker After gradual Lathrop High School in Fairbanks I went to w Trans Alaska Pipeline. I spent 16 years in the projects all over the state and I spent another working for the Alaska Operating Engineers 1 as coordinator and administrator

Q: What do you do for fun on your spare time?

I like to hunt, trap and fish, snow machine, race boats and mine for gold. I lov quality time with my wife, daughters and granddaughters, and my dog Raven

Q: What is your favorite movie and why?

Patton. I am very patriotic. Patton thought outside the box and didn't lead for uncle served with Patton's 3rd Army and was also an honor guard at his fune motivate people. Makes you proud to be an American.

and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones.

Judge Stewart volunteered for the Juneau World Affairs Council, served on the board of directors for the Symphony Foundation and the Southeast Alaska Land Trust, and was active with the Juneau Lyric Opera and other arts and community groups.

Judge Stewart is survived by six of his children.

Governor to Present State of the State Address

Governor Palin will present her 2008 State of the State address to the citizens of Alaska at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15 before a joint session of the Alaska Legislature in the House Chamber in the Capitol. The Legislature will hold its regular 2008 session Jan. 15-Apr. 13.

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Q: What was your least favorite job and/or experience?

Cutting open asphalt drums with a chisel, one barrel at a time. Years ago asphalt was shipped to the bush in 55 gallon drums and you had to manually remove the asphalt. When you use up to 8,000 gallons a day, that's a lot of drums – boring.

Q: How have you worked with the Alaska labor community?

I worked for the Alaska Operating Engineers Training Trust as the statewide administrator for 16 years promoting and expanding apprenticeship opportunities. I worked on bringing other training programs together in sharing resources and together as a team where applicable. Some of the trainings that occurred were on soccer field and parking lot grading and paving for non-profit organizations.

Q: What is your involvement with the Alaska Pipeline Training program?

Alaska Works Partnership provides a pipeline training course every fall to Alaska residents to work in the oil and gas construction industry. My previous involvement with the program was as the team leader for the program. My present involvement is knowledge transfer.

Q: After graduation, what opportunities become available for graduates?

In the past more than 90 percent of graduates of each class were placed on pipeline projects in the same training year.

Q: Why is this program important for the development of the Alaska workforce especially with the Natural Gas Pipeline on the horizon?

It is our responsibility, everyone not just the state, this time around to step up and maximize the lessons learned from the Trans Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) and implement those lessons to training the next generation of Alaskan pipeline workers.

Q: What would you tell a student who is worried about the future of oil and gas development in Alaska with the declining fields and world focus on alternative energies?

I would tell a student today the same thing that I told our entry level class of class of 1998. Alaska is the place to be for the next 25 years in the business of oil and gas. We have highway construction and mineral development. I am the eternal optimist and had a bad day. Some are just better than others. Life is what you make of it.

Q: How does an interested party find additional information for enrollment in Alaska Works Partnerships, (907) 569-4711.

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Support Our Troops, at Home and Away
A great way to help our soldiers when they are away from home is to support the USO (United Service Organizations). They provide all the services and support our men and women in uniform need beyond the battlefield. Show your support and visit the USO website.

Until next time,

Governor Sarah Palin

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Browne, Susan L (DOA)

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2008 3:53 PM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: Putting Alaska First - Jan-Feb 2008

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January

ITEMS OF INTEREST

2008 STATE OF THE STATE

AGIA Town Hall Meetings Set for February

Governor Palin's Gasline Team will hold Town Hall information meetings around the state. Come learn what the state is doing to advance the project. These meetings are not part of the public comment period under AGIA and are not public hearings. There are multiple meetings on the same date in different locations.

All meetings will be 6-8 p.m. except Anchorage, which will be 7-9 p.m., and Barrow, which will be 2-5 p.m. For more information contact Allison Iversen at 907-257-1304.

Monday, February 18
 Palmer: The Palmer Depot

Tuesday, February 19
 Anchorage: UAA Lucy Cuddy Hall
 NOTE: Anchorage will be 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 20
 Sitka: Harrigan Centennial Hall, Maksoutoff Room

Kotzebue: NWAB Assembly Chambers

'We have such great potential because the State of the State is great, and our potential even greater'

Governor Sarah Palin delivered her State of the State/State of the Budget at a joint session of the Alaska Legislature, asking lawmakers to look beyond par geographical differences. She called for unity to help restore public trust in A

In a call for self-sufficiency, she said that Alaska must not continue to rely on earmarks, a theme echoed in President Bush's State of the Union address c

The Governor also said that Alaska must be able to develop its natural resources for the benefit of Alaskans and the entire United States.

"An AGIA license gets the ball rolling on our terms – and opens the door to innovative and strategic partnerships. We are reasonable and open to those partnerships that, at the end of the day, will get that long-awaited gas line built," she said.

The governor focused on delivering student success in K-12 education. She also made a strong appeal for Alaskans to take personal responsibility for healthy choices.



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 Governor Palin delivers her State address before a body on January 15, 2008

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 2008 State of the State Ac

McGrath: Cap'n Snow Center
Assembly Room

Thursday, February 21

Ketchikan: Cape Fox Lodge
Mountain Room

Nome: St. Joseph's Church

Bethel: UAF - Kuskokwim Campus
Yup'it Piciryarait Cultural Center

Friday, February 22

Juneau: Centennial Hall,
Hickel Room

Monday, February 25

Delta Junction: Community Center

Kenai: Kenai Peninsula College

Tuesday, February 26

Barrow: Inupiat Heritage Center
NOTE: Barrow will be 2-5 p.m.

Dillingham: Dillingham Middle School
Gymnasium

Wednesday, February 27

Fairbanks: Carlson Center

Kodiak: High School Commons

Thursday, February 28

Valdez: Valdez Convention and
Civic Center, Ballroom 1

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New Toll-free Number for Governor's Office Available to All Alaska Residents

A new toll-free number will allow Alaska residents to contact the Governor's Office from anywhere in the state: 1-877-423-5514. Toll-free service extends the reach of the Governor's Office to all Alaskans, especially those in rural areas, said Kris Perry, director of the Governor's Anchorage Office. There is no charge to users of the number. This is the latest effort to find more efficient ways to serve the citizens of Alaska.

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Serving Alaska

About 2,000 Alaskans from more than 100 communities are serving on the 122 state boards and commissions, from the Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy to the Yukon River Panel. With 10-15 board terms expiring every month, recruitment is ongoing. All Alaskans are encouraged to apply or make a recommendation.

CLICK for more information on all of

10 QUESTIONS



Doug Larsen, Director
Division of Wildlife Conservation
Alaska Department of Fish and C

Q: Will you tell us about yourself?
I was born and raised in Juneau, immigrated from Denmark and to Canada. They settled in Juneau '50s and raised my two sisters and I. I graduated from Juneau-Douglas and attended the University of Idaho and University of Alaska Fairbanks. A wildlife biologist and pilot took me to Kotzebue, to Ketchikan, and back to Juneau.

Working with wildlife over the years, I have been incredibly fortunate to have experienced some of the very best Alaska has to offer, from tens of thousands aggregated tightly on ridges in the Brooks Range, to brown bears splashing in coastal streams, to moose jousting in tundra meadows. It's been a truly incredible and memorable career.

Q: What do you do for fun?
I enjoy hunting, hiking, fishing and camping. I also enjoy wood working and tending to my wife and two yellow labs. I have enjoyed being involved in Boy Scouting with my sons and have great memories of kayaking in Seymour Canal, canoeing in Ketchikan and canoeing down the Yukon River and hiking over the famous Chilkoot Trail.

Q: What are among your most favorite memories?
I have many wonderful memories, including flying low over the arctic's snow-capped mountains in our ski-equipped Supercub, counting and capturing mountain goats in the mountains of Southeast Alaska, radio-collaring and studying brown bears and stalking Dall sheep, mountain goats and caribou with my wife and sons, fly fishing in rivers to fish for lunner char, and boating along Southeast Alaska's rugged and scenic coastline.

Q: What was your least favorite job and/or experience?
While working in Ketchikan during the mid '90s, I was faced with the problem of black bears moving into the community in search of food after the closure of the Ketchikan Pulp Company. Although I was able to relocate more than 50 bears off Revilla Island with the Ketchikan Pulp Company helicopters and pilots, I also had to dispatch several bears. Though necessary, I found this very distasteful. As a result, I became a crusader for responsibly handling human refuse in and around communities.

Q: What do you do for Fish and Game?
I now serve as the director of the Division of Wildlife Conservation. My job involves overseeing the division's management and research activities, along with the budgeting details. The division has just over 200 employees, and it's a pleasure to work alongside some of the most hard working and dedicated people in state.

Q: Why is predator control used in Alaska?
Wild game is an important source of meat for many Alaskans throughout the state. It is less expensive than store-bought meat in many instances, but many people prefer the taste and the fact that it is organic and unaffected by additives. Recognizing the need, the Legislature and the Board of Game created laws and regulations to manage specifically identified populations of moose, caribou and deer for high levels of consumptive use. In instances where these identified populations are at low

the boards and commissions and the application process

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Denali Award Nominations Deadline

The nomination period for the second annual Governor's Peak Performance Denali Awards, which recognize outstanding employees and teams for excellence in service to the state, will close Feb. 15. Outstanding State of Alaska employees can be nominated in four categories – coworker recognition, excellence in customer service, exceptional performance and leadership.

Nominations, which must be made on the official nomination form for the appropriate award category, can be made by any employee, including self-nomination

CLICK for more information about the nomination process.

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Administrative Order Authorizes Funds for Kivalina Storm Damage

Governor Sarah Palin signed an Administrative Order on Jan. 22 authorizing disaster relief funds for the city of Kivalina, which was damaged by a fall sea storm Sept. 12-14. A high surf and storm surge severely damaged more than half of a 1,600-foot seawall and caused erosion in the Northwest Arctic Borough's city. The Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development will coordinate with other state and federal agencies to propose long-term solutions to the ongoing erosion issues in the city and other affected coastal communities in the state.

CLICK to see Administrative Order 239

available habitat can support and where predators are determined to be the numbers, control efforts are implemented to reduce the numbers of predator; reducing numbers of predators allow more moose, caribou and deer to survive and reproduce, thereby enabling populations to increase. Higher numbers of these animals can support higher levels of human harvests.

Q: What happens if predators are not controlled?

Predator and prey populations can and do self-regulate, and predator control is often not necessary or desired. In some instances, however, both predators and prey exist at low densities. Failing to reduce the numbers of predators in such instances can result in persistently low numbers. If these areas coincide with those where control have been made to provide for high levels of human consumptive use of moose and deer, failure to control predators will prevent this objective from being achieved. Predator control is allowed on slightly less than 10 percent of Alaska's land

Q: What is the difference between predator control and hunting?

Hunting is a common and long-accepted activity in Alaska and elsewhere and involves "fair chase," whereby hunters are expected to use stealth and woodcraft to stalk and harvest animals, and animals are afforded a reasonable chance of detection. Predator control, on the other hand, does not involve "fair chase." Predator control involves to locate and kill targeted numbers of predators as quickly and humanely as possible. Predator control can involve the use of techniques forbidden under hunting practices, such as aerial hunting or landing an aircraft and then shooting. Whereas hunting can be undertaken by any member of the public who purchases the required licenses and tags, predator control can only be undertaken by specially-permitted and monitored Alaskan residents.

Q: What other programs are critical to protecting Alaska wildlife?

The Division of Wildlife Conservation undertakes a number of programs as part of wildlife management and conservation efforts. These include aerial and ground-based monitoring to assess the status of predator and prey populations across the state, and research to learn about the movement patterns, reproductive capabilities, feeding habits, and needs of various species and populations. Wildlife education programs are important for providing information to interested members of the public, and for administering and monitoring hunting seasons, hunters and harvests are important in ensuring long-term sustainability of wildlife populations. Additionally, enforcing the Department of Public Safety's Alaska Wildlife Troopers are critically important in ensuring adherence to established hunting seasons and bag limits.

Q: Where can Alaskans go to find information about wildlife and wildlife management?

To find out more information about Alaska's wildlife, predator management and wildlife programs go to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website at <http://www.adfg.state.ak.us/>

A PLAN FOR THE TONGASS

As part of a final management plan for the Tongass National Forest, Governor Palin recently joined Forest Service Chief Abigail Kimbell in signing a "shared vision statement" which establishes a plan for sustainability of the Tongass and Southeast Alaska communities.

"This is a tremendous step toward having a sustainable, integrated timber industry in Southeast Alaska," Governor Palin said. "Speaking now with one voice, we remain committed to sustainable development that protects the diversity and health of the forest's wildlife while providing for the subsistence and livelihoods of residents of Southeast Alaska."

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The 2008 Tongass National Forest Land Management Plan Amendment was ordered more than a year ago by a federal court that concluded the



1997 plan violated the law. The amended plan adds 90,000 acres to old growth reserves and protects 47,000 acres of land most vulnerable to development. The amended plan, along with the final environmental impact statement and the record of decision, will be published in the Feb. 15 Federal Register



As the planning phase of the process is completed, the State and Forest Service will shift their collective efforts to Forest Plan implementation. The State will continue to play an important role in this process and will have staff working with the Forest Service to begin putting the new Forest Plan to work on the ground.

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<http://tongass-fpadjust.net>
VIEW PREAMBLE
 Tongass Management Pl.

This process will emphasize both the conservation and economic timber aspect of the plan, the two central strategies that must work together to have a successful

CELEBRATING STATEHOOD



CLICK TO LISTEN
 Governor Palin unveils the new Alaska license plate honoring 50 years of statehood.

New Alaska License Plate Honors
 The new Alaska Statehood Celebration was recently unveiled at the statehood kick-off at the Anchorage Museum of History and Culture. The new license plate was designed by Dean Potter, the winner of a statewide

To see his art unveiled, Potter was joined by Statehood Celebration supporters, including Governor Todd Palin and First Daughter Willow and Piper Palin; Lt. Governor Sarah Palin; Statehood Celebration Co-chairs Kris Foy and Melissa Stepovich; former Lt. Governor

Constitutional Convention Delegate Vic Fischer; Constitutional Convention Co-Chair Katie Hurley; Attorney General Talis Colberg; DMVA Commissioner General Campbell; and DMV Director Whitney Brewster

The new license plates will be the standard plates issued through 2009. Motorists to change their current plates may purchase the new statehood anniversary plates from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

"This is a great start to what will be a wonderful year leading up to the 50th anniversary of statehood," Governor Palin said. "I encourage all Alaskans to take part in the celebrations that are planned around the state."

The Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission, established in 2005, has organized numerous events to commemorate Alaska's 50th anniversary of admission to the United States. The events will take place across Alaska on dates that coincide with historic events related to statehood.



The new Alaska Statehood Celebration License Plate

Dates to Celebrate

May 28, 2008

Celebration event in Fairbanks to commemorate the date Congress passed the Alaska Statehood Act.

July 4, 2008

Weekend event in Juneau marking the July 7 date the Act was signed by Dwight D. Eisenhower

January 3, 2009

Grand ball in Anchorage to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence

Communities across the state are encouraged to participate.

For more information, email AK50@alaska.gov or call Colleen Sullivan-Leon at 7450.

BETHEL VISIT

Governor Sarah Palin and members of her staff, including Rural Advisor Rhonda, recently met with Bethel leaders to discuss public safety and other issues facing the community. The Governor and Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan visited the Bethel Police Department and met with Alaska State Troopers to learn more about the department's needs to hire 11 officers. The Governor visited Bethel high school students during their lunch period.



Governor Sarah Palin traveled to Bethel on Thursday, January 10, to meet with community leaders and discuss public safety and other issues facing the community. Photo by Bethel Regional High School Yearbook Staff.

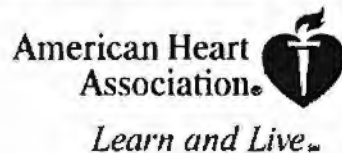
At public radio station KYUK, Governor Palin participated in her first bilingual interview, conducted by veteran Yup'ik newsman John Active. Governor Palin was impressed with Active's seamless integration of her answers into Yup'ik. Among the topics discussed were the rural energy crisis, the proposed alternative energy fund, municipal government and meeting the needs of elderly residents.

Governor Palin also met with regional health leaders at a luncheon hosted by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation and the Association of Municipal Council Presidents.

Labor Commissioner Click Bishop and First Gentleman Todd Palin also traveled with the Governor. They visited Yuut Elitnaurviat, the region's first vocational school.

center, and toured the Yuut Yangungviat flight school.

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Healthy Hearts on Valentine's Day!
Make this and every Valentine's Day a healthy life with the ones you love. Learn how to take care of your heart at the American Heart Association's website.

Until next time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, looping "S" and a trailing flourish.

Governor Sarah Palin

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Browne, Susan L (DOA)

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, March 14, 2008 10:03 AM
To: SOA All employees
Subject: Putting Alaska First-March 2008

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Governor Sarah Palin announced she and her husband are expecting their fifth child.

"Todd and I are five times blessed and couldn't be happier," Governor Palin said. "We look forward to welcoming our new addition in May."

READ 2008 Poster

SUSAN BUTCHER DAY

Governor Sarah Palin honored the late musher Susan Butcher during a ceremonial bill signing just prior to the start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Anchorage. House Bill 37, sponsored by Representative David Guttenberg, establishes the first Saturday of March as Susan Butcher Day.

"No one exemplifies the spirit of Iditarod more than Susan Butcher," Governor Palin said. "She was a great role model for so many Alaskans, including me. I greatly admire her perseverance, dedication and competitiveness."

Butcher, a four-time winner of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, died in 2006. She will be honored each year on the first Saturday of March, the traditional opening day of the race that she dominated during a five-year stretch from 1986 to 1990.

Governor Palin was joined at the Mar. 1 ceremony by Butcher's husband Dave Monson and daughters Tekla and Chisana.

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 Governor Palin signs the bill at the ceremonial start Iditarod.

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NEW ENERGY COORDINATOR

Governor Sarah Palin has named Steven Haagenson to serve as energy co executive director of Alaska Energy Authority. Haagenson retired as preside executive officer of Golden Valley Electric Association in 2007.



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Governor Sarah Palin goes to the dogs — to encourage young people to read.

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Governor Palin has named Steven Haagenson to serve as energy coordinator and executive director of Alaska Energy Authority.

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Alaska Energy Authority at www.akenergyauthority.org

As energy coordinator, Haagenson will state's efforts in developing a strategic

"Steve is a proven leader, known for his planning ability. As chair of the Fairbar Energy Taskforce, he was instrumental in the development of a strategic business plan for electric generation, heating and transportation. Governor Palin said. "His skills will be instrumental as we work toward a statewide strategic plan to meet the unique challenges of the Rail, Interior and Southeast Alaska and help us achieve our goal of affordable and reliable energy for Alaskans."

A registered engineer, Haagenson earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in engineering management from the University of Alaska Fairbank.

President's Challenge

Got 30 minutes? Get fit this spring – and help Alaska win national recognition.

Join Governor Palin in the National President's Challenge, a six-week competition sponsored by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Sign up for the Challenge, which runs from March 20 through May 15, at www.presidentschallenge.org.

What's the prize? Better health – physical activity makes you feel and look better. And you'll help shine the spotlight on Alaska as governors with the highest percentage of participating residents will be recognized for supporting healthy lifestyles.

"Participating in this challenge is free and easy," Governor Palin said. "It's only 30 minutes of activity a day. You can walk, run, ski, or even bicycle your way to the goal. About 100 different activities count."

- The rules of the challenge are simple:**
- The challenge starts March 20, but sign up through April 3.
 - Adults must be active for at least 30 minutes during five days of each of the six weeks in the challenge, and report their activity on www.presidentschallenge.org.
 - Children 6 through 17 need to complete 60 minutes of activity five days a week.
 - Sign up as an individual or with a group.

Recent state surveys showed that more than 60 percent of Alaska adults are overweight or obese and more than 27 percent of high school students are

ALASKA - YUKON SIGN ACCORD

Governor Sarah Palin and Yukon Territory Premier Dennis Fentie recently re signed the 2003 Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Accord.

"This accord provides a framework for the governments of Alaska and Yukon to be working cooperatively on tourism, transportation, and trade and commerce in the north," Governor Palin said. "We have also included climate change, wildlife management, economic development and infrastructure in the accord as additional key areas of opportunity."

Yukon and Alaska have maintained and renewed a joint intergovernmental accord for well over a decade, and successes arising from the accord include joint Shakwak research projects, the Chisana caribou recovery project and joint highway enforcement initiatives.

"Through the accord, we are continuing our work to build strong, viable communities and a solid trade relationship, as we are poised to enter an unprecedented period of responsible resource development in the north on both sides of the border," Premier Fentie said.

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VISIT YUKON ONLINE
Premier Dennis Fentie at work

Fentie was accompanied by Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon during his 29 Anchorage trip. Other topics of discussion during the meeting included the Gasline Inducement Act, the Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline, climate change infrastructure and the U.S. Homeland Security Rule Interpretation for Alaska Ships.

Fentie and Palin last met in June 2007 in Whitehorse, where they discussed various topics, including economic development, the environment and the accord re

overweight or at risk of becoming overweight – costing upwards of \$200 million in direct medical costs, not including indirect costs such as lost productivity at work.

Federal Rebates

IRS Returns Needed for Federal Rebates

Starting in May, 2008, the United States Treasury will begin sending out economic stimulus payments (rebates) of \$300-\$600 to eligible persons across the U.S. For some parents, there is an additional payment of \$300 for each eligible child under 17.

However, people must file an income tax return in order to receive the payment.

Some Alaska citizens do not have a federal tax filing requirement, but are nonetheless eligible for the payment. These citizens will need to file a 2007 federal income tax return to become eligible.

Those who don't normally need to file can look to Free File – Economic Stimulus Payment, available at IRS.gov, to make filing an easy process. Several Free File software providers are making their products available for the simplified filing of a tax return.

In most cases, those who are required to file a federal tax return will not have to do anything extra; just file a 2007 federal tax return as usual.

Low to moderate income taxpayers, elderly taxpayers and veterans can receive free tax assistance.

For more about eligibility requirements, visit the Economic Stimulus Payment Information Center for information. Generally, people must have a valid Social Security number, have at least \$3,000 in qualified income, and not be a dependent or eligible to be a dependent on someone else's return in order to qualify.

Online Drivers Test

A driver's practice test is now available online for Alaska's potential road warriors.

The test is accessible by visiting www.dot.alaska.gov/highwaysafety and clicking "Online Driver Test" on the right side of the page.

10 QUESTIONS



John Katz, Director

Washington D.C. Office of the Governor

Q: Will you tell us about yourself?

After graduating from law school, I worked for Congressman Howard Pollock and Senator Ted Stevens before moving to Alaska in 1971. In 1972, I was appointed to the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska, which was created by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

I have worked for the State of Alaska in various capacities for 29 years. In early 1978, Governor Hammond appointed me as Special Counsel to represent Alaska during Congressional consideration of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which was enacted in December 1980.

The Governor later asked me to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Conservation Resources, where I remained until January, 1983.

Since then, I have served six Governors as Director of State-Federal Relations and as Special Counsel to the Governor in Washington, DC. In 1994, I received an honorary doctorate from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and have been commended twice by the Alaska Legislature.

I appreciate the privilege of representing State interests in D.C. and of working with a variety of interesting and challenging issues. I also enjoy the opportunity to work with capable and dedicated people within the State administration and in the many businesses and organizations that do business in D.C.

Q: What do you miss most about Alaska?

I am often homesick and say that D.C. is habitable as long as I never think of Alaska. What I miss most is the opportunity to interact in person with my friends and family in Alaska and the ability to experience quiet and solitude without traveling many miles.

Q: When was Alaska's D.C. office created?

Alaska's office originally was established by Governor Bill Egan in the early 1970s. The responsibilities of the office have changed over time in relation to State interests and the wishes of the incumbent Governor.

Currently, the principal functions of the office are to identify and monitor issues between Alaska, Congress and federal agencies in D.C., analyze and help formulate State policy on these issues, and advocate policy in appropriate federal forums.

Q: What's unique about the D.C. office?

Some 36 states and territories have established offices in D.C. The functions vary widely, depending upon gubernatorial mandates, issues and budgets.

The uniqueness of this office results from the issues we work on. Alaska is a state with a complex and evolving relationship to the federal government, a large federal military presence, a major military presence, and numerous federal programs designed to benefit Alaska Natives and other citizens.

Hence, we deal with a number of issues that other states resolved decades ago. Many of these issues are unique to us for reasons of geography or resource potential. Two good examples

The practice exam consists of 15 questions, similar to what driver's license applicants can expect when taking the actual exams at DMV locations.

"Passing the practice test in no way ensures participants will pass the actual test necessary to obtain an Alaska driver's license," said Cindy Cashen, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Highway Safety Office Administrator. "It's our intention to have the site prepare applicants for the actual exam and become safe and knowledgeable, licensed drivers."

The test is a joint effort by the Alaska DOT&PF, the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles, the Alaska Highway Safety Office and the Alaska Injury Prevention Center

Above & Beyond Citizen Honors

North Pole resident represents Alaska



Tom Burgess

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society has announced the names of 51 finalists for its inaugural Above & Beyond Citizen Honors – one for each of the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

Tom Burgess of North Pole is Alaska's nominee, for going above and beyond with his courageous rescue of tourists on a burning bus. While working on the Parks Highway as a truck driver, Burgess came upon a terrible accident between an Alaskan tour bus and a small pick-up truck. The first person on the scene, Burgess acted quickly and, disregarding his own safety, rescued many of the 25 trapped people. Burgess' brave actions that day resulted in numerous lives being saved.

Three of the 51 finalists will be chosen as 2008 Above & Beyond Citizen Honorees and these remarkable citizens will be honored and celebrated during a ceremony to be held March 25, Medal of Honor Day, in Washington, D.C.

"Above & Beyond" is the first time all 107 living Medal of Honor recipients have banded together to create a national

Alaska's efforts to commercialize North Slope natural gas and the possible d polar bears under the Endangered Species Act.

Q: What are some things you tell Alaskans visiting D.C.?

Every month, we meet with representatives of local governments, interest gr individual Alaskans. Usually, they come here for a specific purpose, such as requests, and we discuss the merits of these proposals and how they might I Congress or the federal agencies.

Often, we will take the opportunity to discuss policies of the Palin administrat be of interest. And, some folks want to know how to get to the closest shoppi museums.

Q: What are some of the big issues that you are dealing with?

The D.C. office works on the full spectrum of federal issues with which the Si concerned. At any given time, between 100 and 120 issues are active. About this workload involves legislation in Congress, and the remainder concerns r before federal agencies and administrative tribunals.

The office spends much of its time on Alaska-specific natural resource and e matters. The remainder, among other issues, is devoted to health, jobs and f education, transportation, appropriations and international affairs.

Q: How do you work with Alaska's Congressional delegation?

The Governor's D.C. office is the primary contact with the Congressional del entails meetings, phone calls and emails virtually every day with the delegati

Often, we explain administration positions on federal issues and seek conser Congressional delegation. We frequently work together in developing strateg advocating Alaska's interests. The office also responds to numerous request information on particular issues.

Q: Earmarks have been in the news lately, will you explain how earmark

The term "earmark" means different things to different people. We use this te sum of money for a specific project or program that is added to an appropriat member of Congress, often to benefit that member's constituents.

This year, President Bush and the Congressional leadership have said that t amount and number of earmarks must be reduced significantly. Recognizing Constitutional authority of Congress to formulate the federal budget, Govern responded to this direction by reducing the total number of State earmark rec last year to 31 and from \$550 million to less than \$200 million.

Q: What questions do you get the most about Alaska?

This office is oriented toward public policy. So, most of the questions we get issues pending in Congress or the various federal agencies.

At the moment, we are receiving a lot of inquires concerning energy issues, t the gas pipeline, and clean energy; the possible listing of polar bears under t change; appropriations; and fish and wildlife concerns. We also receive num from people in the lower 48 states about the Permanent Fund, what it is like and summer travel.

Q: What are the most common impressions of Alaska?

For many Americans, Alaska is a mysterious and intriguing place. They know possess vast quantities of oil, gas, hardrock minerals and other natural resou are ready and willing to provide to the rest of the country. These same peopl Alaska as a state with vast wilderness and bountiful fish and wildlife that sho protected.

The polls I've seen show that a majority of Americans trust us to strike the rig

platform to promote and honor "Service before Self."

For more information, visit www.aboveandbeyond365.com and www.cmohs.org.

The News in Photos



President Bush addresses the National Governors Association in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, Feb. 25, 2008. From left are American Samoa Governor Togiola T. A. Tutafono; Governor Palin; Alabama Governor Bob Riley; Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty; Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)



Mike Webber, a 47-year-old Native Alaskan artist and fisherman, stands by the "shame pole" he carved in memory of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, following a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, one day before a class-action lawsuit, Exxon v. Baker, is argued in the Supreme Court. At right is Governor Palin. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)



Governor Palin presented information about Alaska's gas pipeline to the Hoover Institution Board, which is the Stanford University-based public policy research center, on Feb. 26, 2008, in Washington, D.C. Photo credit to

between responsible development and environmental protection. In addition, know more about our State and what our people think and do.

AGIA PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Alaska Departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Revenue (DOR) received more than 300 public comments on the TransCanada Alaska Company LLC application under the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act during the 60-day public comment period that began on Jan. 5.

More than 100 of the comments arrived within the two-days prior to the Thursday, March 6 deadline. DNR staff are assembling, tabulating and formatting the electronic comments, and plan to make the comments available to the public as quickly as possible, and no later than March 14.

WATCH ONLINE VIDEO



VISIT AGIA ONLINE
www.gov.state.ak.us/agia

The comments will be made available online at the state's AGIA website. EIR will also be available on request. For more information contact DNR at 907-

OPEN YOUR BROWSER

March is National Women's History Month

Women's History Month

Nationwide, March is Women's History Month. Alaska has its own rich heritage of women who made a difference, including Elizabeth Peratrovich who demanded equal treatment for all Alaskans, Susan Butcher whose four victories in 1988 made her a symbol of self-reliance (see article in this newsletter), and Hilary Lindquist who is a five-time U.S. National Champion and 1994 Olympic silver medalist in downhill skiing.

VISIT WOMEN IN HISTORY PAGES ONLINE

- › Governor Palin's Proclamation
- › Women in Alaska
- › Famous Alaskans
- › Women's History Month Test Your Knowledge
- › Women in Alaska's History
- › National Women's History Project

Until next time,

Governor Sarah Palin

Goodman/Van Riper Photography.



Governor Palin reads to students in the Gastineau School Head Start class in mid-February.

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
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To: SOA All employees
Subject: Putting Alaska First - April/May 2008

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April-IV

AGIA Public Forum

May 28-30 in Anchorage



VISIT AGIA WEBPAGE

The Gasline team will hold a three-day AGIA Findings Public Forum May 28-30 at the Anchorage Sheraton for the public and Alaska legislators.

The team will provide a detailed review of the analysis by the commissioners of Natural Resources and Revenue of TransCanada's proposal to build a gasline, and whether it sufficiently maximizes the benefits to Alaskans and deserves a state AGIA license and incentives. Important state benefits include creating jobs, generating revenue, and encouraging development of Alaska's gas resources through open access.

SHORT-TERM ENERGY PLAN

GOVERNOR'S PLAN WOULD RETURN SURPLUS TO RESOURCE OWNERS

Governor Sarah Palin rolled out a short-term energy plan May 15 to address the skyrocketing costs of energy in Alaska. The package includes two parts – returning surplus funds through a grant to all electric utilities to reduce ratepayer bills and an Energy Debit Card for the next 12 months.

"Alaskans are feeling the pinch of high energy costs," she said. "The state treasury is swelling, while family checkbooks are evaporating. The right thing to do is to return surplus monies to the resource owners through energy relief. Instead of going to Washington, D.C. for relief, Alaskans should be independent enough to take care of this energy problem ourselves."

The Energy Debit Card will go out to every qualifying Permanent Fund Dividend recipient. The benefit will be \$100 per month per PFD recipient the amount allocated for benefits will accrue to the card of the sponsor on their PFD application. Money on the card one month will carry over to the next month. It is expected that the amount available to individuals through the card will be considered income by the IRS. The temporary Energy Debit Card can be used for purchases from Alaska energy providers such as heating oil distributors, natural gas utilities, gas stations and other energy stations.



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Topics at the Forum will include an analysis of how to expedite a project, the potential state costs and benefits of both pipeline and liquefied natural gas project scenarios, the potential profits, and other factors associated with any development decision.

Presenters will include national and international experts in natural gas and gasoline economics, engineering, finance, law, construction, marketing and transportation, the commissioners and other state officials.

Call 269-8426 to reserve presentation materials. There is no cost for anyone to attend the Forum and it will be broadcast on the "Gavel to Gavel" statewide public cable TV channel. For more information, visit the AGIA website www.gov.state.ak.us/agia.

Budget Update

Governor Sarah Palin, commissioners and staff are currently reviewing the operating and capital budget bills that passed during the 90-day legislative session. The Governor has the authority to reduce or veto items in the budgets prior to signing them into law. The capital budget totals \$3 billion and contains more than 900 projects that were added by the legislature. The Governor's final action on the capital budget, SB 221, is due by May 23. Final action on the operating budget, HB 310, mental health operating and capital budget, HB 312 and the general obligation bond bill containing transportation projects, HB 314, is due on May 24.

'Change Stereotypes

GOVERNOR SIGNS LEGISLATION CREATES PURPLE HEART TRAIL, MAKES ALASKA SKIES SAFER & SAFEGUARDS SENIORS



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Purple Heart Trail Address

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Purple Heart Trail Bill Signing

A bill signed by Governor Sarah Palin creates an Alaska Highway from Fairbanks to the border as part of the nationwide "Purple Heart Trail." Included in the trail is the Black Veterans Bridge over the Gerstle River, which honors segregated battalions that helped build Alaska. Governor Palin signed the bill on Saturday, May 17, at the View's Northland VFW Post #10252. The ceremony was joined by a mostly veteran crowd that also included Sen. Johnny Ellis, Rep. Max Gruenberg, Ron Siebels, who is the named Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Alaska, and Governor Palin with a Purple Heart pin and a plaque.



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Capstone Avionics Bill Address

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Purple Heart Trail Bill Signing

The Governor signed the Capstone Avionics Bill, SB 249, which will provide low-interest loans to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development for Alaska airports to purchase state-of-the-art safety equipment. Alaska has the highest number of pilots per capita in the state – about one in 78 – and the highest accident rates, three to four times higher than the national average. Nearly 2,000 aviators gathered for a ceremonial event at the Anchorage FedEx Hangar, including Transportation Commissioner Leo von Scheben, Alaska Association of Pilots President Joe Pearson and Alaska Carriers Association President Wilfred



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Older Americans Month Event

Governor Palin joined 200 of Alaska's senior citizens at the Anchorage Senior Activity Center to sign a proclamation designating May 2008 as "Older Americans Month." During the May 1 ceremony, Governor Palin also signed three bills: SB 100, which allows courts to appoint guardians for adults in need of guardianship and protects the rights and possessions of these vulnerable adults, many of whom are senior citizens; SB 101, which extends the Alaska Commission on Aging; and SB 243, which modifies statutes regarding the role of the Alaska Commission on Aging.

BIKERS BLESSING

Governor Sarah Palin presented a proclamation to more than 600 bikers designating May 2008 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month" at the Anchorage Bike Blessing on May 3 in the downtown Park Strip. The proclamation said that in 80-90 percent of all accidents involving a motorcycle, it is the other motorist's fault and urged motorists to use caution.

to End Violence'

"Celebrating and honoring Alaska Native women can do much to change the stereotypes, change the mindset that affects how we respond to the violence that many face," Governor Palin told attendees at the Alaska Native Justice Group's "Building Momentum" conference at the Anchorage Hilton on April 28. "I honor and celebrate the brave leadership Representative Nelson displayed as she issued a challenge to her colleagues in the legislature, to the media and to all Alaskans. Representative Nelson used her well-chosen words to build a bridge leading to progress – and now it is up to us to cross it." The event focused on improving the response to and attitudes towards violence targeting Native Alaskan women.

2008 Denali Award Winners

Governor Palin announced this year's recipients of the annual Governor's Peak Performance Denali Awards. The awards recognize State employees who demonstrate a commitment to building and maintaining a culture of superior customer service, exceptional individual and team performance and excellence in leadership for the State of Alaska Executive Branch and the citizens of Alaska. Winners were selected out of hundreds of nominations submitted by co-workers. The 2008 winners are:

Co-Worker Recognition:

Tina Cunning,
Department of Fish and Game

Customer Service Individual:

Nora Firmin,
Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs

when they are near motorcyclists. The Governor wished the bikers safe and happy rides.



Motorcycle

HOME COMING



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Governor Welcomes Soldiers Home

In a May 1 ceremony at Fort Richardson Sarah Palin welcomed home about 181 National Guard soldiers of Bravo Company Support Battalion who spent six months security forces based out of Camp Ana. The soldiers are from Southcentral Alaska Bethel, Nome and Fairbanks. "You have incredible courage in the face of the most dangerous deployment of the National Guard," the Governor told the soldiers. "Thank you for all that you have done, sacrifices you and your families have made to secure our freedom and safety."



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Welcome Home Alaska ANG

During their deployment, the soldiers earned 21 Bronze Stars for Valor, 21 Bronze Star Commendation Medals for Service, six Army Commendation Medals for Service, six and 79 Army Achievement Medals for

ENERGY PLAN OVERVIEW

The Alaska Energy Authority announced 28 Energy Plan Town Hall meetings across Alaska from Barrow to Ketchikan. Alaskans will hear presentations by teams of representatives from AEA, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, and the Commission.

"I don't need to tell you what today's high energy costs are doing to every side of our state," said Alaska Energy Coordinator Steve Haagenson, in an open letter to Alaskans. "In some areas, the cost of energy produced near crisis circumstances. I'm here to do something about it, to get us talking, beyond the planning stage and into rapid deployment of solutions."

The Town Hall meetings will focus on developing local energy resources. Comments can also be e-mailed to energycoordinator@aidea.org or mailed to the Alaska Energy Authority, Steve Haagenson, 813 West Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska. More information on the Alaska Energy Plan and updates to the Town Hall schedule are available at www.akenergyauthority.org.

Customer Service Team:

David Verbrugge,
Eileen Nicholoff and
Marina Oberst,
Analytical Toxicology Group
Department of Public Safety

Exceptional Performance Individual:

Annette Ge Smith
Department of Revenue

Exceptional Performance Team

Sgt. Bryan Barlow and
Melvin Nading,
Alaska State Troopers Helo I
Team
Department of Public Safety

Leadership Award:

Katie Tepass,
Department of Public Safety

Energy Town Hall Meetings

- Unalaska: May 20, 4-8 PM, The Grand Aleutian Hotel, Makushin Rc
- Sand Point: May 20 (time and location to be announced)
- Kodiak: May 22, 4-8 PM, Kodiak College
- Juneau: May 27, 5-9 PM, Centennial Hall Ballroom 1
- Ketchikan: May 28 (time and location to be announced)
- Wrangell: May 28, 4-8 PM, City Hall, Council Chambers
- Fort Yukon: May 28, 2-6 PM, Tribal Hall
- Craig: May 29 (time and location to be announced)
- Kake: May 29, 4-8 PM, Community Hall Gym
- Barrow: June 2 (time and location to be announced)
- Glennallen: June 3 (time and location to be announced)
- Anchorage: June 4 (time and location to be announced)

**STATE PORTAL WWW.ALASKA.GOV
ADDS NEW VISITOR PAGE**

A new visitor webpage will guide those seeking information about Alaska into an extensive network of travel resources. The site will provide visitors and residents detailed information on:

- Alaska communities throughout the state
- "New to Alaska" relocation links
- Detailed topographic maps as well as highways, roads and Alaska Marine Highway routes
- Current road conditions
- Alaska facts and history
- Alaska employment opportunities



The website is available on the state's main webpage under the Visitor tab at www.alaska.gov.

Until next time,

Governor Sarah Palin

Browne, Susan L (DOA)

From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Sent: Friday, August 29, 2008 10:00 AM
To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Subject: A Labor Day Message from Governor Sarah Palin

Dear state employees,

As we take the opportunity at the end of our Alaskan summer to spend time with friends and family members this Labor Day, I want to thank you, the hard-working employees of the State of Alaska, for your service. We honor and celebrate your achievements and dedication, and we thank you for all you do to support the needs of your fellow Alaskans. Enjoy a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Governor Sarah Palin

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STATE OF ALASKA
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February 25, 2008

Mr. LeRoy J. Barker
1400 West Benson Boulevard, Suite 315
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Mr. Barker:

I am pleased you accepted a reappointment to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

I appreciate your willingness to serve Alaska in this important capacity. Your commitment can make a difference as we work together to ensure an efficient and effective state government. Thank you, again, for giving your time and consideration to serve the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Palin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Sarah Palin
Governor

cc: Frank Bailey, Director, Boards and Commissions

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