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New restrictions on sex ed become law

By JAMES BROOKS
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Gov. Bill Walker will allow a controversial bill restricting sex education to become law without his signature.

House Bill 156, sponsored by Rep. Wes Keller, R-Wasilla and amended by Sen. Mike Dunleavy, R-Wasilla is billed

as a parental rights measure by its sponsors. Any organization wanting to offer sex-ed classes in Alaska must now be overseen by a local teacher and must have its materials and instructors approved by a local school board.

Under the current system, schools are allowed to decide matters on an individual

level.

The bill also exempts Alaska schools from a state-imposed standardized testing mandate. Standardized tests are required by the federal government as well, but the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development has requested a waiver from that federal requirement while

it comes up with a replacement for the failed Alaska Measures of Progress exam.

Another element of the bill repeals the requirement that school districts spend no less than 70 percent of their funding on education, not administration.

"This was a very close call for me. I received a lot of in-

put on this legislation — from both sides," Walker said in a prepared statement at 4:40 p.m. Thursday. "Given that this bill will have a broad and wide-ranging effect on education statewide, I have decided to allow HB 156 to become law without my signature."

In his formal letter to the Legislature, Walker said he

believes "some of the bill's provisions have been the subject of misunderstanding and confusion."

That's likely because of the convoluted path HB 156 took in the Legislature. As proposed by Keller, the bill would have simply allowed districts

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PARKING WARS



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Mark Dundore puts out a neon open sign after rolling out two shelves of goods at his market and coffee stop, The Douglas Outpost, on Wednesday. The city is officially keeping Dundore from opening his business inside the building because of a lack of nearby off-street parking spaces required by city code.

Parking law puts the brakes on new Douglas business

Douglas Outpost owner still finds a way to make it work

By LISA PHU
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Mark Dundore is a go-getter. He has a day job at Sealaska, runs his own IT consulting business and owns

two shops in Lemon Creek. Now, he's trying to get another business in downtown Douglas off the ground — The Douglas Outpost, a market and coffee stop.

Dundore found the perfect commercial space at 1112 3rd Street, right on the main drag. Well, perfect except for one thing: it doesn't have off-street parking.

The City and Borough of Juneau's land use code requires a business such as Dundore's to have three off-

street parking spots.

"They can't operate the business until they get these parking spots," city planner Tim Felstead said in a phone interview Wednesday.

But that's not stopping Dundore. Instead of operating the business inside the roughly 800 square feet of commercial space as Dundore would like to do, he takes the business outside.

Every weeknight, he moves stainless steel shelves loaded with grocery

items and snacks outside under the building's covered patio. He sits outside, sells some merchandise, takes cash or runs credit cards outside on a machine that's plugged inside.

"It has a long cable," he said. Dundore started The Douglas Outpost because he saw a need. There's no place to buy groceries in Douglas. The convenience store at the gas station Douglas Depot was a popular

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HEALTH

Help for porn and sex addicts

■ Faith-based group brings free convention to help Juneau families

■ First Lady Donna Walker will be guest speaker

By PAULA ANN SOLIS
JUNEAU EMPIRE

A Juneau man living in recovery from a porn addiction remembers feeling as though he was suffering alone, a feeling he wants others to know isn't true.

"I struggled with pornography, I wanted to break free, and I tried and tried, and I couldn't. I was addicted. I didn't know where to turn," said John, 64, who asked the Empire to not reveal his identity to protect his family's privacy.

He said he couldn't find the necessary resources in Juneau to guide him through recovery — until he came across Pure Desire Ministries.

Pure Desire is a faith-based group headquartered in Oregon that travels the nation

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ENERGY

US to speed up oil, gas permits

By MATTHEW BROWN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BILLINGS, Mont. — U.S. officials announced plans Thursday to speed up permitting for oil and gas drilling on federal and Indian lands to reduce delays, as applications were projected to be down 40 percent versus their historical average amid an ongoing price slump.

Low energy prices already have curtailed domestic energy exploration, driving down revenue. That's put a crimp in budgets for the major energy producing states, including Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Alaska, North Dakota and Montana, which receive a

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Dennis McMillian, co-founder and former president of The Foraker Group, speaks at the Juneau Chamber of Commerce's weekly luncheon at the Moose Lodge on Thursday.

Donor do's and don'ts

Philanthropy advisor speaks at chamber luncheon

By SAM DeGRAVE
JUNEAU EMPIRE

If there's one thing that everybody can learn from the late superstar musician Prince, it's the importance of leaving a will.

"He was 54 or 55. He wasn't going to die — or not anytime soon — so he didn't do a will," Dennis McMillian told the Juneau Chamber of Commerce at its weekly lun-

cheon Thursday afternoon.

Prince did die though, aged 57, without a will, a fact that's particularly saddening to McMillian — especially given Prince's record of philanthropy. For the past year, McMillian has been working as a philanthropy advisor for the Alaska Philanthropy Advisors. The organization is an initiative of the Rasmuson Foundation aimed at connecting aspiring donors "typically of means" with charities or nonprofits that match their values and goals.

"I'm not providing legal advice; I'm not an attorney. And I'm not providing financial advice either," McMillian

told the crowd gathered in the dining room of the Moose Lodge. "I'm taking my expertise with the nonprofit sector and working as a matchmaker."

Before he began working with Alaska Philanthropy Advisors, McMillian helped found and run Foraker Group, a nonprofit dedicated to helping other Alaskan nonprofits and tribal organizations become more sustainable.

During his 15 years with Foraker Group, McMillian began to notice some troubling trends in the nonprofit

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