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Mala to head health, social services

by Alexandra J. McClanahan
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Gov.-elect Walter J. Hickel announced six appointments over the last week, including naming an Alaska Native — Dr. Ted Mala — to his cabinet.

Mala, the University of Alaska professor who pioneered the international Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies and helped open the U.S.-Soviet border through medical exchanges, has been asked to serve as commissioner of the Department of

Health and Social Services.

Other appointments announced in a series of three press conferences include:

•John Sandor, a professional forester and public administrator from Juneau, named commissioner of the

Department of Environmental Conservation. Sandor was the regional forester for the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska from 1976 to 1984. He is currently executive director of the Alliance for Juneau's Future.

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Fairview seeks new services to aid drunks

by Holly F. Reimer
Tundra Times reporter

Fairview residents say although they have opposed having a "sleep-off" center in their area, they favor opening a center where Anchorage drunks get services that will eventually help them become more productive members of the community.

That center may become a reality, if plans proposed by the Fairview Community Council are approved by the Anchorage Assembly.

The solution to Anchorage's street inebriate and homeless problem is a task which all community members must work on together, according to the Fairview Community Council.

The battle over who gets to take care of Anchorage's street drunks has been the topic of controversy for quite some time, and according to Celeste Benson, president of the Fairview Community Council, it's not over yet.

Problems arose nearly three years

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Cinematographer Tom Sigel, left, works on an airplane scene for the movie "Salmonberries" with Director Percy Adlon in Kotzebue. Story, page eleven.

photo by Jim Huemmer

Guard class: First step in leadership

by Barbara Crane
Tundra Times reporter

CAMP CARROLL — Smiles were the uniform of the day Nov. 15 as 27 Alaska Army National Guard members walked across the stage to receive congratulations and diplomas certifying successful completion of the Guard's Primary Leadership Development Course.

The students had come to Camp Carroll from 17 villages across Alaska for the intensive 15-day course, which is the first step in the Guard's formal leadership training program.

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Journalist: Soviet TV less structured

by Geoff Kennedy
for the Tundra Times

BETHEL — Not too many television stations broadcast news in Native languages, but Soviet journalist Katya Astakova has worked in two of them.

The Anadyr journalist recently spent a week at the Bethel television station. Her week-long stay enabled Astakova, 20, to compare news operations at KYUK-TV and the Anadyr television and radio community.

Television is less structured in Magadan in the Soviet Far East, she said. Soviet programmers are less concerned with length of programs or the times when they appear, she said.

The Anadyr television station broadcasts news in Russian on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and devotes Wednesdays and Fridays to Native language news and cultural programs, Astakova said.

Unlike the Bethel television station, where Native and non-Native reporters share a common area, Native and non-Native reporters have different work areas, she said. But Russian and Native-language reporters all write stories in Russian, she said.

News gathering techniques compare on both sides of the Bering Strait, but the Soviet television stations use only one news anchor, Astakova said.

In her week-long stay in Bethel, Astakova covered a visit of Soviet dancers from Uelen and interviewed two students from the Magadan Institute of Teachers — Ira Pankova and Ina Ragiamova, who are spending a semester at the Kuskokwim campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Astakova plans to return for a longer stay in Bethel, providing she can find funding for an exchange of reporters between KYUK and the Anadyr television and radio community.

"It is necessary to exchange specialists in radio and TV between the two sister cities — Bethel and Anadyr," she said. "It would be a good experience."