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October 27, 1979

Karen McPherson said Tuesday's run-off election for the borough assembly seat isn't over yet. The 668 questioned and absentee ballots have been counted and show that incumbent Keven Harun is leading Andy Carrella by 56 votes. This reverses Carrella's earlier lead and he may ask for a recount. Carrella was at the borough offices this morning inquiring about a recount according to Gay Patrick. Earlier in the week before a final tally was in Carrella was concerned about a rigging of the results. Harun in prior elections won the seat with questioned and absentee ballots. If Carrella asks for a recount the borough has no formal provisions for dealing with the request according to Patrick. Patrick said the borough has no provisions for dealing with recount and it would be entirely up to the assembly. The assembly would have to either grant the recount. According to their attorney the only provisions he can see for granting the recount would be election fraud. Patrick doesn't feel there are grounds for any. McPherson said as of this afternoon Carrella had not requested a recount. It will be November 8<sup>th</sup> when the election will be certified. If there is to be a recount the method and means of payment will be determined.

October 27, 1979

Excerpts of the play Equus. Karen McPherson said the Fairbanks Drama Association and the University of Alaska Drama Department are co-producing Peter Schaeffer's Equus. It is the first joint effort between the two organizations. Production costs were split and the cast is a mixture of community and university folk. Staffing is also divided between members of the two organizations. Richard Ussery, a visiting

professor, is the director. Ussery gives his summary of the play. He said the driving question throughout the play was why did this happen. Excerpts of the play are played. McPherson said this play would be challenging. Ussery said it was a little easier than he thought it was going to be. He wasn't sure about parts of the play but he said Schaeffer wrote it to work. McPherson said the production is compelling theater. More excerpts of the play are played.

October 26, 1979

McPherson said last Monday night was the deadline for miners to register claims located on federal lands before October 21, 1976. Some miners have put off filing until the last possible minute. Bowman Hinkley said five people showed up at the Fairbanks Bureau of Land Management office at 9:57 p.m. before the 10:00 p.m. deadline. Any unfiled claim is considered abandoned. Any miner found mining on an unfiled area they are charged with trespass. Nearly five hundred miners made it in by closing time. Most of the people were from the Interior. Hinkley said there were a lot of interesting people. He thought some of the people wouldn't have cared about the deadline. McPherson asked if the increased value of gold has prompted some people want to be sure they are protected. Hinkley said yes and there were a lot of new claims filed, too. Claims located after October 21, 1976 must be filed within ninety days after staking. Hinkley thinks more people are becoming aware of the value of a good claim.

October 25, 1979

The Alaska Public Forum held its Fairbanks television town meeting Tuesday night from Anchorage. The reviews are mixed. The primary concern was the program itself. Were the questions properly framed to elicit yes or no responses and other concerns. Ted Lane was one of the four representatives on the seven member panel. He thought there was a general fuzziness about what they were trying to do. He thought they were going to talk about the state capital improvement program. He was prepared to talk about this. The program itself dealt with issues about transportation and public facilities and road and transportation issues. Time was spent explaining to the moderator and other members what the situation was in Fairbanks. Richard Allison thought an Alaskan more familiar with the issues would have posed more meaningful questions than the moderator did. The electronics also had drawbacks since it was just yes or no answers. McPherson talked about the value of television town meetings.

October 24, 1979

Karen McPherson talked about the run-off election. Voters would have to wait until Friday for the results. The October 2<sup>nd</sup> election had a margin of 33 votes. The voter turn-out was higher than most run-off elections. Karella had the lead.

October 23, 1979

Karen McPherson said on October 23 all three television would air the Alaska Public Forum meetings. She talked about the lack of information about the meeting. Some people will have the ability to electronically vote on the issues. The number of people involved in the voting wasn't definite and the

people on the panel was unclear. Information was lacking all around. The moderator was scheduled to be Daniel Shore. McPherson said the media contract was 360,000 dollars and she thought there should be more information available.

October 23, 1979

Karen McPherson listed people running for the president of the United States. John Waterman is an Alaskan and running for the office of president. Local voters know him because of his bid for office on the school board which he did not win. Waterman said he had been thinking about running for president of the United States for a long time. He thought he was qualified because it is an office that all men are qualified for running for the office. He doesn't yet have a platform but his slogan is "voice of tomorrow." He is twenty-seven years old and he is part of the voice of tomorrow. He isn't the legal age (35) to serve as president of the United States. He is operating on the assumption that there are more people sympathetic to him.

October 22, 1979

Karen McPherson talked about the run-off election between Kevin Herron and Andy Karella. Advertisements about the election have been placed in the newspaper. Herron and Karella comment on the election. Karella is concerned about having an environmentalist on the assembly seat.