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## 'We can't do this alone'



President Barack Obama speaks at the Global Leadership in the Arctic: Cooperation, Innovation, Engagement and Resilience (GLACIER) Conference at Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center in Anchorage on Monday. AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK

### President calls Alaska, world to action on climate change

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ANCHORAGE — A packed Dena'ina Center filled with foreign ministers, climate experts, Alaska Native leaders and media from around the world hushed shortly before 5 p.m. when U.S. Secretary John Kerry took the dais to introduce the 44th president.

President Obama would deliver the closing remarks of the multinational GLACIER conference that highlighted how many Alaskans have already been dramatically impacted by shifting sea ice, eroding coastlines and forest fires. Kerry said it was a "very constructive and substantive day."



Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at the GLACIER Conference on Monday. AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK

The event ultimately served as a springboard for Obama to make an impassioned — sometimes dire and sometimes hopeful — call to action on climate change.

"The science is stark, it's sharper. It proves that this once-distant threat is

very much in the present," Obama said. "In fact the Arctic is the leading edge of climate change, our leading indicator of what the entire planet faces. ... The impacts here are very real."

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**"The time to plead ignorance has surely passed. Those who want to ignore the science, they are increasingly alone. They are on their own shrinking island."**

President Barack Obama

### Alaska Native representatives: climate answers are complicated

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ANCHORAGE — The take-home message from the State Department's conference here is that global climate change is already harming Alaska communities. They're seeing coastlines disappear, less regular sea ice and larger forest fires.

But for many Alaska Natives who spoke during the GLACIER conference, even those who represent some of the hardest-hit communities, the message of how climate change is affecting Alaska was more complicated.

For them, climate change certainly does pose a dire threat to communities and their way of life, but it also presents new opportunities.

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### PRESIDENTS IN ALASKA

Few bits of memorabilia remain from a Fairbanks visit by Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II in 1984. » KRIS CAPPAS, A3

### GOOD MORNING



#### The weather.

Partly to mostly sunny.  
High today ..... 52  
Low tonight ..... 31

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SOURDOUGH JACK:

"Think we could convince Mr. Prez to swing by Fairbanks?"



### Police say suspects in shooting at snow dump had 'kill list'

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Three young Fairbanks residents are now charged with attempted first-degree murder in the shooting of a man who stumbled into Fairbanks Memorial Hospital last week.

The shooting, which took place during a marijuana sale at the Hamilton Acres snow dump, was not a spontaneous disagreement but a murder planned at least a day in advance, according to the case against the three suspects.

Fairbanks police initially announced the arrest of Timothy Ron-

ald Kupakana Kowchee, 20, and Joshua "Rico" Ramos, 19 on Thursday. Additional suspect Katie Marie Mutchler, 18, was charged Saturday. All three are charged with attempted first-degree murder and attempted first-degree robbery.

Fairbanks police began investigating the three since a man walked into the Fairbanks Memorial hospital at about 11:47 p.m. Aug. 24 with two .40-caliber bullet wounds to his chest and one to his head, according to criminal complaints filed in court last week.

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### McKinley-themed businesses ponder options after renaming

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Mt. McKinley Bank is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, but few would have expected when it was founded that the bank would outlast the mountain.

That's what happened, in a sense, on Sunday. When the White House abruptly announced that North America's highest peak would be officially called Denali rather than Mount McKinley, numerous Alaska businesses were suddenly left without a landmark.

"To say this catches short everyone with McKinley in the name is a true statement, I think," said a somber-sounding Bart LeBon, the bank's executive vice president.

Many of them spent Monday evaluating their future and how it fits into a world without Mount McKinley.

Mary's McKinley View Lodge, at 134 Mile Parks Highway, has spent a half-century building a reputation with that name, said owner Jean Richardson. Her mother started the lodge from a homestead, and



A National Park Service map depicting the newly renamed Denali is shown on Monday aboard Air Force One before a visit to Anchorage. AP PHOTO/ANDREW HARNIK

she said it's hard to imagine a change. Richardson said she's frustrated at the sudden official switch to Denali, which leaves her with either an outdated name or the cost and effort of changing to a new one.

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### NOTICE TO REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS

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- Payments must be postmarked prior to midnight on September 1st to avoid delinquency.
- Prior year delinquent taxes must be paid by cashiers check, money order, or cash.

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