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The weather.

Mostly cloudy with patchy fog in the morning and scattered rain storms later.

High today63

Low tonight52

Sunrise: 5:43 a.m.

Sunset: 10:03 p.m.

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SOURDOUGH JACK:

"I did my own sorta triathlon this weekend — I thought about runnin', then I thought about bikin', then I took a bath!"



Eric Corbett, 8, plays with Legos and other items at the 10th Annual Renewable Energy Fair at Chena Hot Springs Resort on Sunday. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER

Energy fair looks to the future

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A decade after the first Renewable Energy Fair was held at Chena Hot Springs Resort, the annual event has become a magnet for politicians, scientists and innovators.

The fair trumpets advances in renewable energy, with a backdrop of the geothermal-powered resort at the end of Chena Hot Springs Road. Presentations on LED lighting, hydrogen energy and more were held during a series of sessions during a drizzly Sunday.

This year hundreds of spectators browsed through the area, listening to speakers that included Gov. Bill Walker, Sen. Dan Sullivan and Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Luke Hopkins. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, who planned to attend, canceled due to a family matter.

Chena Hot Springs Resort owner Bernie Karl, who serves as a high-volume emcee for the event, said he launched it with a simple goal.

"All I envisioned was sharing knowledge," he said. "If you keep knowledge, what good is it?"

Karl said he's on a continuing search for energy solutions in the North, particularly Alaska. One booth included a massive tub of compressed recycled paper, which Karl's other business, K&K Recycling, burns to generate electricity. Other displays included compressed wooden logs, advances in

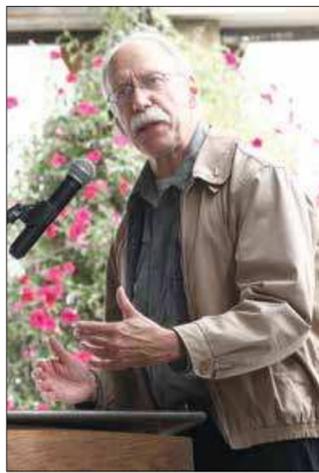


Above: Gov. Bill Walker, right, talks with U.S. Sen. Dan Sullivan before they speak at the 10th Annual Renewable Energy Fair at Chena Hot Springs Resort on Sunday. Right: Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Luke Hopkins speaks at the fair. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER

cold-weather building designs and geothermal technology.

"This is a place where it's very clear that ideas matter, people matter, innovations matter," Sullivan said.

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No one hurt in fire at landfill

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An early-morning fire at the Fairbanks North Star Borough landfill damaged several pieces of heavy equipment and a steel building on Sunday.

The fire triggered an alarm at about 3 a.m. at the landfill maintenance building, where two front-end loaders, a bulldozer and a compactor were parked. The blaze spread to the roof before it could be extinguished by the Fairbanks Fire Department, and was hot enough to melt the roofs of the equipment parked inside.

No one was injured in the blaze. Borough spokeswoman Sallie Stuvek said the vehicles and building will be fully evaluated today to assess the scope of the fire.

"They all have damage, but we're not sure the extent of it," Stuvek said.

Stuvek said it's believed that the fire originated with the compactor, which is used to roll over and flatten garbage. The equipment wasn't in use at the time, however, and no one was working at the scene when the fire started.

Stuvek said borough officials don't expect that landfill operations will be affected, although more will be known this week. She said the fire could put a crimp in maintenance work at the site, since it occurred at the only building where equipment can be worked on.

Because of that, repairing the building will be a priority in the weeks ahead.

"We don't have much time to work on this before it gets cold," Stuvek said.

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Iran nuclear deal could move forward without Congress

By Deb Riechmann
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WASHINGTON — The September vote on the Iran nuclear deal is billed as a titanic standoff between President Barack Obama and Congress. Yet even if lawmakers reject the agreement, it's not game-over for the White House.

A congressional vote of disapproval would not prevent Obama from acting on his own to start putting the accord in place. While he probably would take some heavy criticism, this course would let him add the foreign policy breakthrough to his second-term list of accomplishments.

Obama doesn't need a congressional OK to give Iran most of the billions of dollars in relief from economic sanctions that it would get under the agreement, as long as Tehran honors its commitments to curb its nuclear program — at least for now.

"A resolution to disapprove the Iran agreement may have substantial political reverberations, but limited practical impact," says

Robert Satloff, executive director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "It would not override President Obama's authority to enter into the agreement."

Lawmakers on their summer break are deciding how to vote. A look at the current state of play:

What will happen in September?

With Republicans controlling both chambers of Congress, the House and Senate are expected to turn down the deal.

Obama has pledged to veto such a resolution of disapproval, so the question has turned to whether Congress could muster the votes to override him, in what would be a stinging, bipartisan vote of no-confidence against the president. And Obama would forfeit the authority he now enjoys to waive sanctions that Congress has imposed.

But Democrats and Republicans have predicted that his expected



President Barack Obama speaks Aug. 6 in the South Court Auditorium in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House complex in Washington. AP FILE PHOTO/CAROLYN KASTER

veto will be sustained — that opponents lack the votes to one-up Obama. More than half of the Senate Democrats and Independents of the 34 needed to sustain a veto are backing the deal. There is one notable defection so

far — New York's Chuck Schumer, the No. 3 Democrat in the Senate and the party leader-in-waiting.

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