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GOOD MORNING



The weather.

It's going to be mostly cloudy today, but still plenty warm.

High today 51
Low tonight 31

Sunrise: 5:43 a.m.
Sunset: 9:56 p.m.

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SOURDOUGH JACK:

"What's in a name? A goose by any other name would taste as sweet."



Police charge Las Vegas man in Fairbanks fatal shooting

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A Las Vegas man charged with fatally shooting Todd Demoski at a downtown motel early Friday morning was reportedly angry because Demoski was sleeping in a stairwell outside his apartment.

According to a criminal com-

plaint filed in Fairbanks court, Leron Kwase Roland, 21, shot Demoski in the chest after first beating him on the head with a .45 caliber pistol in an effort to wake him up. It is believed Demoski staggered downstairs after the shooting and collapsed at the bottom of the stairwell.

Fairbanks police found Demoski in the lobby of the Alaska

Motor Inn at 3:02 a.m., after receiving a 911 call about the shooting. Demoski, 25, had a single gunshot wound in the center of his chest and appeared to be in critical condition. He was rushed to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital and died at 4:11 a.m.

According to the complaint, a witness told police he tried to wake Demoski after finding

him apparently intoxicated and sleeping at the top of the north stairwell of the motel. The witness said a man he knew as "YG" came out of apartment 211 and saw Demoski lying on the floor. The man, later identified as Roland, said "(expletive) this," walked into his apartment and

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JUST KEEP SKIING, JUST KEEP SKIING



Elizabeth Allman finishes a ski on Monday in 50-degree temperature. "I was hoping it would be cooler," Allman said, adding that it was still good to be skiing in late April. "You gotta go when you can." ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

Spokesman: George H.W. Bush in hospital with blood infection

By Michael Graczyk
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HOUSTON — Former President George H.W. Bush has been hospitalized with an infection, just after attending the funeral of his wife, Barbara, a spokesman said Monday.

Jim McGrath said on

Twitter that the 93-year-old Bush is "responding to treatments and appears to be recovering." He was admitted Sunday morning to Houston Methodist



Bush

Hospital after an infection spread to his blood, McGrath said.

Barbara Bush was laid to rest Saturday in a ceremony attended by her husband.

She was 92, and she and her husband had been married 73 years — the longest presidential marriage in U.S. history.

Senate bill proposes name changes for Alaska game refuges

Language included in the bill would add 'and Hunting Preserve' to the name of Creamer's Field

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The words "and Hunting Preserve" would be added to the names of Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge and other game refuges in Alaska under a bill passed by a state Senate committee on Friday.

The names should be changed to emphasize the importance of hunting in these refuges, said Sen. Cathy Giessel, R-Anchorage, at the final meeting of the Alaska Sen-

ate Resources Committee.

The name change won't affect the actual hunting rules at any of the eight refuges, all of which allow hunting on all or part of the land. Hunting is allowed at Creamer's Field, although moose hunting is restricted to archery and muzzle-loader hunting equipment. Additionally, part of the refuge is within the city of Fairbanks, where the law prohibits hunting with guns.

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Lung association puts Fairbanks in top spot for dirty air quality

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Fairbanks was named the No. 1 most-polluted city for year-round particulate pollution in the American Lung Association's 2018 "State of the Air" report.

The Golden Heart City also ranked in the top 10 for episodic particulate pollution — another category — grabbing the No. 4 spot behind communities in California.

Rick Hinkey, manager of the association's Fairbanks office, called for more public education to combat the problem of PM2.5 particulate pollution, a byproduct of wood

smoke. "We are getting a really good picture of where we are at," Hinkey said. "It's a little disheartening in some ways."

The American Lung Association releases its lists of cleanest and most-polluted cities annually based on air quality data collected by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which regulates particulate pollution under the federal Clean Air Act.

Data for the 2018 State of the Air report came from air quality monitoring information collected in Fairbanks and North Pole in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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Fairbanks City Council again hears comments on pot regulations

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The Fairbanks City Council heard two hours of public comment during a work session and regular council meeting Monday night, part of their

monthslong effort to draft commercial cannabis regulations.

It was the second such work session, and likely the last opportunity for the public to voice their opinions before the council acts on an ordinance with proposed regulations.

Public comment on the ordinance was closed during the regular council meeting of Feb 26.

After significant industry opposition, the ordinance was postponed until the council's May 5 meeting.

As proposed, the

ordinance would cap retail licenses at 12, ban on-site consumption and set more stringent buffer zones.

Sixteen businesses have initiated retail license reviews with the state, but have yet to be reviewed by the council. Fairbanks has six retail

shops conducting business, and three more are pending.

During the regular meeting, Fairbanks Police Chief Eric Jewkes shared the department's policy recommendations.

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