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The weather.

Rain likely in the morning; then periods of rain in the afternoon. Areas of fog. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Tonight: Periods of rain. Lows in the lower to mid-50s.

High today58
Low tonight52

Sunrise: 4:42 a.m.
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"My preferred vacation would be recliner, slippers and book."



City loses power to vote on zoning appeals

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A conflict over planning and zoning powers among local governments came to a head on Thursday when the assembly yanked the cities' authority to handle land use appeals.

The move dilutes city government involvement with planning and zoning in the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

"It gives us very little voice," City Mayor John Eberhart said.

The vote was 6-2 with assembly members Diane Hutchison and Lance Roberts

voting no.

The issue drew multiple leaders at the City of Fairbanks to the assembly meeting, and they called on the borough to maintain city authority to handle planning and zoning appeals.

"Why we are here tonight trying to fix a system that works, I

really don't understand," Fairbanks City Councilman and former Mayor Jerry Cleworth said.

Borough Mayor Karl Kassel proposed putting an end to the practice of the Fairbanks and North Pole city councils handling land use appeals to streamline the system for borough residents.

Kassel said it will be more predictable and consistent for borough residents if appeals came before the Borough Assembly.

"What I am striving for is consistency," he said. "We play football and then it goes to the city

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Clinton accepts nomination



Democratic vice presidential nominee Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton walk through the falling balloons during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia on Thursday. AP PHOTO/J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE

Clinton promises steady hand in dangerous world

By Julie Pace and Robert Furlow
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PHILADELPHIA — Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, an experienced leader steeled for a volatile world. She aggressively challenged Republican Donald Trump's ability to do the same.

"Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis," Clinton said as

she accepted the Democratic nomination for president. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons."

Clinton took the stage to roaring applause from flag-waving delegates on the final night of the Democratic convention, relishing her nomination as the first woman to lead a major U.S. political party. But her real audience was the millions of voters watching at home, many of whom may welcome her experi-

ence as secretary of state senator and first lady, but question her character.

She acknowledged those concerns briefly, saying "I get it that some people just don't know what to make of me." But her primary focus was persuading Americans to not be seduced by Trump's vague promises to restore economic security and fend off threats from abroad.

Clinton's four-day convention began with efforts to shore up

liberals who backed Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary and it ended with an outstretched hand to Republicans and independents unnerved by Trump. A parade of military leaders, law enforcement officials and Republicans took the stage ahead of Clinton to endorse her in the general election contest with Trump.

"This is the moment, this is the opportunity for our future," said

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Duckie race postponed again; decision today on regatta

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The Rubber Duckie Race has been postponed for a second time because of high water on the Chena River.

The event usually takes place in mid-July during Golden Days festivities but was postponed last week because of high

water on the river. On Thursday, the Greater Chamber of Commerce announced the race was being pushed back again because the high water remains a hazard to volunteers in boats who scoop the duckies out of the water. The new date for the race is Aug. 7.

The Rubber Duckie Race is a raffle in which the winner is determined by the

fastest-floating duckie on the river. Duckie ticket sales will continue in the extra days leading up to the race.

Meanwhile, the status of a second Chena River event, the Golden Days Chena River Regatta, hasn't been finalized. The regatta is now scheduled to take place this Sunday, but organizers plan to decide by 11 a.m. today if the event will be

postponed again, said Kip Harmon, a media buyer from sponsoring business Mammoth Marketing.

"We're going to have our security guy take a ride up the river and see if those sweepers have moved any," he said.

The regatta is a celebration of homemade rafts inspired by the

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Law adds restrictions to sex-ed

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A House bill adding new hurdles for sex-ed teachers in Alaska public schools is now law.

Thursday was the final day for Gov. Bill Walker to either sign, veto or allow House Bill 156 to go into law without his signature. Amid a blitz from both supporters and opponents of the measure, he chose the last option.

"This was a very close call for me," Walker said in a statement. "I received a lot of input on this legislation—from both sides. Given that this bill will have a broad and wide-ranging effect on education statewide, I have decided to allow HB 156 to become law without my signature."

The bill requires anyone teaching sex-ed to either have a valid teaching certificate and work for the school, or teach with the supervision of a certified teacher employed by the school. It also requires all materials to be reviewed and approved by a school board and for those materials to be available for review by parents.

The rules apply to any "class or program in sex education, human reproduction education, or human sexuality education."

Increased restrictions on sex-ed in schools has long been a mission for Wasilla Republican Sen. Mike Dunleavy, who authored a much more expansive version of the proposal that would have barred organizations that also provide abortion services, like Planned Parenthood, from providing sex-ed courses in schools.

When his bill, Senate Bill 89, died in the House, he injected a watered-down revision of the measure into Wasilla Republican Rep. Wes Keller's House Bill 156.

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