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## GOOD MORNING



### The weather.

Partly cloudy with highs in the teens and winds up to 10 mph.

High today ..... 16  
Low tonight ..... 4

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### Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be low. Weather permitting, displays will be visible overhead from Barrow to Fairbanks.

This information is provided by aurora forecasters at the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. For more information about the aurora, visit <http://www.gialaska.edu/AuroraForecast>

# Up and over



**Race veteran Luc Tweddell, of Mendenhall, Yukon, mushes over Eagle Summit on Sunday. The Yukon Quest is a 1,000-mile sled dog race from Fairbanks to Whitehorse, Yukon.**

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## Mushers tackle Rosebud, Eagle summits

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**CENTRAL** — Teams competing in the 2016 Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race trickled, then streamed, into this tiny Interior town midday Sunday after the race's first 142 miles.

Some described the clustered afternoon arrivals as "mush hour." Even so, the teams at the front have started to break away from the rest, increasing the gap Sunday.

Late Sunday, defending champ Brent Sass, of Eureka, was in the lead on the 75-mile run from here to Circle City, with two former Quest champions about 20 miles behind him: 2012 winner Hugh Neff, from Tok, and Two Rivers musher Allen Moore, who won in 2013 and 2014. Two Rivers' Matt Hall, originally from Eagle, was not far behind.

After leaving the starting line in Fairbanks on Saturday, the mushers and their dogs ventured into the wilderness east of the city, many camping on the trail before the Two Rivers checkpoint that night to split the first 100 miles into two runs. Many took a break Sunday at the Mile 101 checkpoint, which sits on the Steese



**Race veteran Paige Drobny, of Ester, lays down with her dogs at the Central checkpoint on Sunday. The Central checkpoint is about 257 miles from the start in Fairbanks.**

Highway between two of the race's four high points, Rosebud and Eagle summits.

Sunday morning, as the sun rose in a clear sky at Mile 101, mushers told stories from the night before of campouts and camaraderie, losing the trail, getting wet in overflow on the Chena River's north fork and struggling up 3,640-foot Rosebud Summit. Many opted to take a four-hour layover at 101, a collection of sev-

eral small cabins just above tree line next to the highway, where naps and a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs awaited.

Teams must take a mandatory four-hour break at either Mile 101 or Central, with the choice left to each musher.

The mushers resting there included Hall, who was readying his team about 9:30 a.m. by put-

**QUEST » A5**

## Man, his third-party custodian charged after burglary

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A 23-year-old North Pole man is charged with burglarizing a Chena Ridge home while he was awaiting trial for an alleged December 2015 halfway house escape.

Alaska State Troopers also arrested the man's court-appointed custodian, a North Pole woman who had promised to keep the man with her 24 hours per day.

The alleged burglar, Shannon Alan Clifford Stowell, was serving time at the North Star Center halfway house near Ester when he allegedly left the building without permission on Dec. 2. He was re-arrested Dec. 18 and released on bail to court-appointed custodian Amber Jean Blakeburn on Jan. 21, according to online court records.

Court-appointed third-party custodians are people who agree to monitor a defendant 24 hours per day while they're out on bail and to call police if the defendant leaves their presence. They're usually friends, work supervisors or family members of a defendant.

In his new case, Stowell allegedly broke into a home on Knightsbridge Road in the Chena Ridge neighborhood and stole 13 pieces of jewelry on Thursday, including a gold wedding band, a diamond ring and several gemstones. Troopers said a camera at the home captured Stowell's image, according to the case against him.

Troopers arrested Stowell in a heated shed behind a home on West Fourth Avenue in North Pole on Thursday night. Before going to the shed,

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Drone chief returns to Fairbanks after fellowship in Washington, D.C.

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## PRESSURE POINTS

Dry needling, a pain relief treatment, coming into Interior.

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**SOURDOUGH JACK:**  
"Now, I've seen some weird critters, but nothin' like that!"



## Offbeat humor, upbeat messages dominate Super Bowl 50 ads

By Mae Anderson  
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**NEW YORK** — From a strange creature called "Pupymonkeybaby" to a tear inducing Audi ad, Super Bowl ads ran the gamut this year from offbeat humor to heartfelt messages.

On advertising's biggest night, Chrysler celebrated Jeep with an ad filled featuring black-and-white portraits of veterans, kids and

pop icons. In Audi's spot, a depressed aging astronaut remembers his joy for life by driving an Audi sports car with his son. And in a quirky Doritos ad, a fetus in a sonogram appears to rocket out of the womb to chase a bag of chips the mother angrily tossed away.

The goal for advertisers: to stand out and win over the 114 million-plus people watching the big game on Super Bowl Sunday. With ads costing a record \$5 mil-

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Broncos top Panthers  
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lion for 30 seconds this year, the stakes are high to stand out from the 40-plus advertisers and be remembered.

"Super Bowl advertisers are sticking with light themes," said Tim Calkins, a marketing professor at Northwestern's Kellogg

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**This image provided by Mountain Dew shows the "pupymonkeybaby" in a scene from the company's Kickstart spot for Super Bowl 50. MOUNTAIN DEW VIA AP**

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