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Inside Today

Yukon Quest begins today. See the special section to learn about the race and mushers.

GOOD MORNING



The weather.

Mostly clear. Patchy freezing fog in the morning. Highs zero to 5 above, except in the mid-20s on the hills. Tonight: Mostly clear.

High today1
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Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be active. Weather permitting, displays will be visible overhead from Utqiagvik to Anchorage.

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>

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Nanooks hockey shuts out Alabama Huntsville.

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SOURDOUGH JACK: "I'll be turnin' off the football and turnin' on the Quest tracker."



Workman murder trial begins

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A Fairbanks jury heard opening arguments and witness testimony as the Major Scott Workman murder trial got underway Friday.

Workman, 45, is charged with one count of first-degree murder for the shooting death of James Gojdics on May 3, 2015, at his Fox home.

Assistant District Attor-

ney Earl Peterson told the jury Gojdics was shot nine times in his right side and back and died after one of the bullets pierced his aorta.

Gojdics was a retired ironworker, outdoorsman and reality television personality in National Geographic's "Ultimate Survival." He sometimes spelled his last name Gaydos, the way it was pronounced.

Peterson laid out the state's case and told the

Major Scott Workman, center, is charged with first-degree murder in the May 2015 shooting death of James Gojdics.

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jury what to expect as witnesses were called.

Workman's girlfriend, Mary Davis, rented a cabin on Gojdics' property on the Old Elliot

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Nine dogs pull North Pole musher Ben Good on a training run Friday on Fish Lake near Whitehorse. Friday was the day before the start of the 34th annual running of the Yukon Quest. His handler, Hannah Borgerding, took the other seven dogs Good brought to Whitehorse. SAM FRIEDMAN/NEWS-MINER

North Pole rookie heads out for training run on day before the Quest

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WHITEHORSE, YUKON — The musher and his handlers were a bit tired after their previous night at a Whitehorse bar, but the Good Alaska Mushing crew from North Pole still got out on a 25-mile training run Friday, the day before the start of the Yukon Quest International Dog Sled Race.

Keeping canine athletes limber and ready for the start of today's race has been a constant preoccupation for mushers before today's race start.

Downtown Whitehorse hotel parking lots were crowded this week with dog trucks. Twenty-one mushers are signed up for the thousand-mile race this year and 23 for the 300-mile race.

Between mandatory meetings in hotel ballrooms, mushers and handlers could be



Ben Good's dogs Finnick, left, and Apollo wait for a training run to begin Friday on Fish Lake near Whitehorse.

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spotted loading and unloading dogs out of boxes, feeding them or taking them on short walks down city streets and even occasionally through hotel lobbies.

Rookie musher

The Good Alaska Mushing kennel

Nine dogs pull North Pole musher Ben Good on Friday on Fish Lake near Whitehorse.

is named for musher Ben Good, a 37-year-old father of three who works as a petroleum laboratory chemist and is into human-powered marathons in addition to dog-powered running. Although he's technically one of

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US judge temporarily blocks Trump's travel ban nationwide

By Martha Bellisle
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SEATTLE — A U.S. judge Friday imposed a nationwide hold on President Donald Trump's ban on travelers and immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries, siding with two states that had challenged the executive order that has launched legal battles across the country.

U.S. District Judge James Robart in Seattle ruled that Washington state and Minnesota had standing to challenge Trump's order, which government lawyers disputed, and said they showed their case likely would succeed. About 60,000 people from the affected countries had their visas canceled.

"The state has met its burden in demonstrating immediate and irreparable injury," Robart said. "This TRO (temporary restraining order) is granted on a nationwide basis ..."

What happens next for people who had waited years to receive visas to come to America wasn't immediately clear.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer released a statement late Friday saying they "will file an emergency stay of this outrageous order and defend the executive order of the President, which we believe is

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