**Tales from the dark side**

Residents still without power after big winter storm share how they’re coping

Daisy Huang pours a glass of wine in her storm-darkened cabin with her dogs Linden, left, and Autumn on Friday night off Cripple Creek. Huang, a mechanical engineer with the Alaska Center for Energy and Power at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, has been without power since 11 p.m. Wednesday.

**By Tim Money**


About 3,000 residents remained without power for a third day Friday and were doing what they could to cope with the aftermath of a violent storm that snapped and uprooted trees taller than most buildings in Alaska’s second largest city, leaving behind a trail of downed powerlines and darkened homes from Nenana to Salcha.

Some were faring better than others.

**By Matt Buxton**

Calling the Affordable Care Act a “bust mess,” Gov. Sean Parnell rejected growing calls for the state to accept federal money to expand Medicaid coverage to poor Alaskans.

On Monday, Parnell’s official residence announced a press conference in Anchorage on Friday, saying he refuses to jeopardize the state’s fiscal future to grant health coverage to what he said was an unknown number of Alaskans.

**Gov. Parnell rejects expansion of Medicaid**

**By Jeff Richardson**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has reversed its denial of a Fairbanks-Dawson, Tenn. direct flight request and announced a plan to double the number of passengers allowed through the Fairbanks International Airport to handle a higher workload.

The federal agency last month denied a proposal by the airline that would have allowed passengers between the two cities to fly on domestic flights between the two cities, citing a staffing shortage in Fairbanks that left it unable to handle international flights from the Canadian community.

**Customs reverses decision on flights from Fairbanks to Dawson**

**By Sam Friedman**

DSL Internet outages have persisted and even increased as cleanup continues from this week’s ice storm in the Fairbanks area.

Major Internet service providers Alaska Communications and GCI each estimated Friday that they had about 2,000 customers who were without service.

Some customers who didn’t lose service earlier in the week may be without service now because both companies are not receiving backup power from the federal agency.

“I’m just a little bit confused,” said Christy Ashcraft, who was without power at her home in Fairbanks on Friday night.

**DSL Internet outage lingers, expands in Fairbanks area**

**By Daisy Huang**

Cooking on wood stove Friday night. “This isn’t that unusual,” Huang said. “I turn on the wood stove.”

**Power is A8**

**How long could it go on?**

GCI says power outages could last into next week.

**STUNNER**

Hatchinson moves Monday to stay alive in 3A state volleyball tournament.

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**A ROUGH START**

Nanooks men’s basketball team loses to Begin in season opener.

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**SOURDOUGH JACK:**

“Yeah, I’ve had meals at the chemical weapons, too.”