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## ONAC start area moved

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Course conditions prompted officials of the GCI Open North American Championship sled dog race to move its start and finish area from downtown Fairbanks to the Musher's Hall on Farmers Loop.

The 70th edition of one of the world's premier sprint mushing events is scheduled for March 20-22, starting at 1 p.m. each day. The distances for the first two days are set to be 20 miles each, and the distance on the third day is slated for 30 miles.

Overflow of water on Noyes Slough was a major concern for race officials in moving the start and finish to the Musher's Hall.

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GOOD MORNING



### The weather.

Partly cloudy, highs in the mid-20s.

High today ..... 25  
Low tonight ..... 18

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### Aurora forecast.

Auroral activity will be low.

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.gi.alaska.edu/AuroraForecast>

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SOURDOUGH JACK:

"The only white waves I got are on my head."



# Man dies in home invasion

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A home invasion in the North Pole area early Thursday morning left one man dead and another in jail, according to Alaska State Troopers.

Troopers received a call at 12:21 a.m. from a person reporting someone had broken into a home and shot a man. Troopers and

personnel from the North Pole Fire Department responded and found John "Adam" Chilcote, 34, of North Pole, dead from gunshot wounds.

Troopers said Matthew Davis, 41, of North Pole, broke into the home, ran upstairs and shot Chilcote several times. The caller, whose identity has not been released by troopers, hid and called 911.

The home was located off Plack Road, according to North Pole Fire Capt. Shawn McGilvary.

Davis left the home after the shooting and turned himself in to law enforcement less than half an hour after the shooting.

"He turned himself in at North Pole Police Department, where he was taken into custody without incident," Lt. Chad Rathbun said.

Davis has been charged with first-degree murder, according to troopers.

Chilcote's next of kin have been notified. His body will be sent to the state medical examiner for autopsy.

The investigation is ongoing. Contact Dorothy Chomicz at 459-7582. Follow her on Twitter: @FDNMerime.

## LITERACY BUZZ



Teams compete during the annual Biz Bee spelling bee fundraiser for the Literacy Council of Alaska on Thursday night at the Westmark Hotel. ERIC ENGMAN/NEWS-MINER

# Walker plans to expand state's pipeline share

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JUNEAU — Gov. Bill Walker isn't satisfied with the state owning at most just a quarter of a large-scale natural gas pipeline and on Thursday made announcements that could give the state a much larger stake in a gas pipeline, just not the one that has the most momentum behind it.

Walker announced plans to expand the scope of state-backed Alaska Standalone Pipeline, ASAP, which had, up until Thurs-

day, been the fallback plan to meet in-state needs if a state partnership with the major North Slope producers to build a large-scale gas export project fell through.

In an editorial published in the News-Miner and other newspapers, Walker said he's been pleased with the progress that has been made on the producer-backed line known commonly as AKLNG, but said he doesn't want to place all of Alaska's hopes for a gasline on that project.

"I think they're well-intended participants, and I'm impressed

with what they've done and their attitude," he said in a news conference on Thursday. "But that doesn't give me the comfort we're actually going to have a project. ... There's no company involved in AKLNG that's betting 100 percent on Alaska."

To that end, Walker said he wants the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, which is overseeing ASAP, to explore expanding the line to a size that could be comparable to the AKLNG project. For years, the in-state line had been limited by existing

agreements for older projects, but those were lifted last year when the state signed up as a partner on the AKLNG project.

Walker didn't say he would abandon the AKLNG project, but said he wants to see both proposals move forward before the final investment decision is made on either project. He said the approach with the ASAP line will be explored from the perspective of international gas buyers and done with existing money.

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# Mackey exuberant after guiding young team to Quest

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Lance Mackey has won four Yukon Quest championships, but the Fairbanks musher said the leisurely run that ended on Thursday evening will go down as his favorite.

Mackey, 44, guided his young team across the Fairbanks finish line at 5:23 p.m., good for 14th place. He said the education that both he and his dogs got along the



Four-time champion Lance Mackey, of Fairbanks, waves to the crowd as he finishes the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race in 14th place on Thursday on the Chena River under the Cushman Street bridge in Fairbanks. ERIN CORNELIUSSEN/NEWS-MINER

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