Today

Bull's Eye

Nanooks win 8th national rifle title in front of hundreds of fans
By MARGARET FREDENAUER

More than 1,000 people turned out at the NCAA Rifle Championships Saturday at the JFK Center in Anchorage.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks, which won the title in 2007, was also in attendance.

The Nanooks won the title for the second time in three years.

The winning team was led by senior captain Kristina Feldhans,

Champions — The national championship University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team hoists their trophy into the air during the NCAA 2007 Rifle Championships at the JFK Center in Anchorage.

Leaders running into the wind

Brutally cold headwind slows mushers on Yukon River

By KEVIN KLOTZ and CRAS PEDER

Anchorage Daily News

Eagle Island — A bitter, swirling wind barreled down the Yukon River Saturday, pummeling the dogs and mushers battling the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

The wind hugging its way up the trail from Grayling turned into the 25 mph blow. The windchill temperatures pushed toward 30 degrees below zero.

The mushers tried to stay low and find what shelter they could in the cold.

You have to keep a — attitude.

City tax problems have complicated history

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By CHRIS ESHLEMAN

Early last summer, 75-year-old Nelson Miller hit the street with a mind to squash the city’s property tax and force lawmakers — who rely heavily on property taxes for city revenue — to create a sales tax.

Almost a year later, city lawmakers find themselves with a sales tax and with only a shell of last year’s property tax.

The Fairbanks City Council decided in January to ask voters for almost two years to study a long-term tax solution.

Bullets are being mailed to registered city voters this week.

The six-member council faces a budget shortfall that rivals some smaller communities’ entire annual budgets in size.

After learning of the shortfall last October, council members first tried to implement new taxes. When problems arose, they turned next to potential savings,着眼 for elimination a program that supports nonprofits and enhances Fairbanks as a tourist destination.

More recently, council members have said cuts to fire and police protection