

Nome hosts Iditarod potlatch

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The Nome Eskimo Community celebrated the 1981 Iditarod by inviting U.S. Senator Ted Stevens and his wife Catherine to their annual potlatch held March 22 at the Nome Community Center.

The Stevens' enjoyed a potlatch dinner in which included seal meat and blubber, dried fish, kelp, willow leaf salad, salmon, white fish and a large sheet cake welcoming the Stevens to Nome.

Following the dinner, the St. Lawrence Island Dancers presented the oogruk dance,

the seal hunt dance and many other traditional dances. Rosalie Gologergan of Nome won first prize in the mukluk contest. Her mukluks were fashioned from colorful red-died sealskin and calf skin.

Lela Oman of Nome won first prize in the traditional parka contest. Oman modeled a muskrat belly parka created by Esther Norton of Kotzebue.

Joyce Gallegher of Nome captured second prize with a squirrelskin, calfskin, wolf and wolverine parka made by Jennie Kowchee of White Mountain and owned by Myrtle Johnson of Nome.