



J.T. Sherman of Nome-Beltz High School sends his target flying as he reaches a height of 88 inches in the two-foot high kick — good enough for first place in this year's Native Youth Olympics.

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Youth Olympics a huge success

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Scores of young athletes from across the state of Alaska and the Yukon Territory gathered in Anchorage last week to participate in the Native Youth Olympics, sponsored by CINA. Participants competed in nine traditional sports. The winners included:

Girls' leg wrestling — Chugie Keller, Nome; Teresa Smith, Anchorage; Daphne George, Dillingham; Sara Ballesteroz, Alaska Gateway and Tammi Puckett, Tyonek.

Boy's leg wrestling — Randy Schweden, Dillingham; James Hunter, Anchorage; Jim Gil-

bert, Mat-Su; Richard Rich, Kotzebue and Gerald Korthius, Kilbuck. Girl's stick pull — Chugie Keller, Nome; Carrie McAlister, Mat-Su; Tauline Peppers, Anchorage; Abora Kingeekuk, Savoonga; Lily Swenning, Victory.

Boy's stick pull — Jacob Bartman, Kodiak; Scott Johnson, Victory; Shady Beard, Soldotna; Brian Dinkel, Alaska Gateway and Norman Johnson, Nome. Girls' head pull — Chugie Keller, Nome; Adora Kingeekuk, Savoonga; Susan Awal-in, Anchorage; Fina Moses, Bethel and Maxine Ungot, Gambell.

Boy's head pull — Tony

Pease, Anchorage; Jacob Bartman, Kodiak; Amos Foster, Kotzebue; Nick Waskey, New Helen, and Norma Johnson, Nome. Girl's toe kick — Rae Belle Smeaton, Dillingham; Becka Keller, Nome; Dawn Rhodes, Kilbuck; Mamie Reich, Kotzebue and Carol Pickett, Anchorage.

Boy's toe kick — Jason Polk, Bethel; Louie Reich, Kotzebue; John Nakaraki, Covenant; Clarence Snyder, Anchorage; and Scott Bonner, Soldotna. Girls' kneel jump — Francy Morris, Bethel; Jocelyn McIntyre, Yukon; Kookie Ito, Kotzebue; Patty Kouthchak,

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More Native Youth Olympics winners

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Covenant; and Carol Pickett, Anchorage.

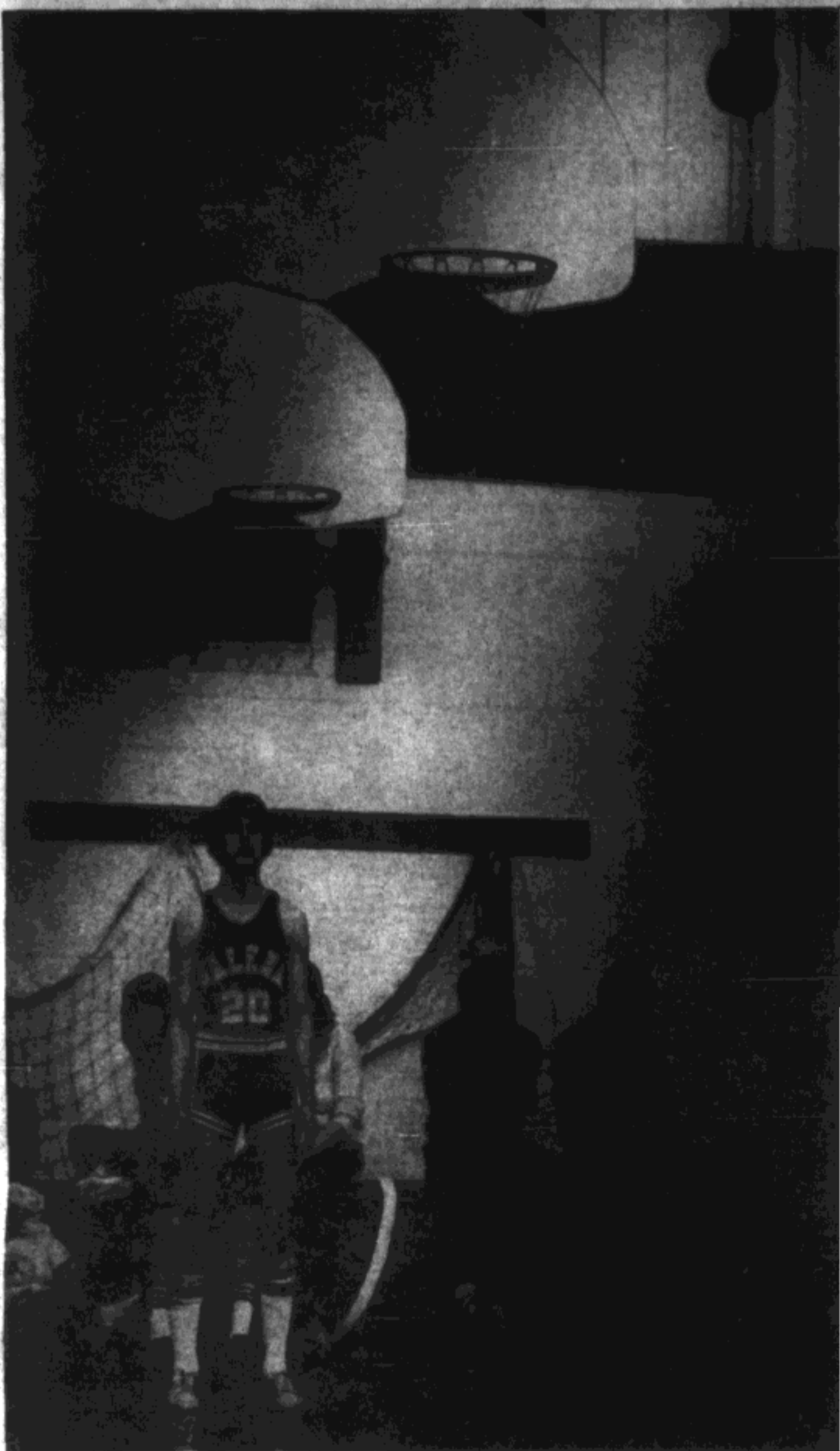
Boy's kneel jump — Gene Peltola, Bethel; Ken Wolkoff, Kodiak; Tim Anelon, New Ha-

len; J.T. Sherman, Nome; and Eric Hernderson, Covenant. Girls's one foot high kick — Carol Pickett, Anchorage; Jocelyn McIntyre, Yukon; Sara Ballesteroz, Alaska Gateway; Louise Cahles, Bethel;

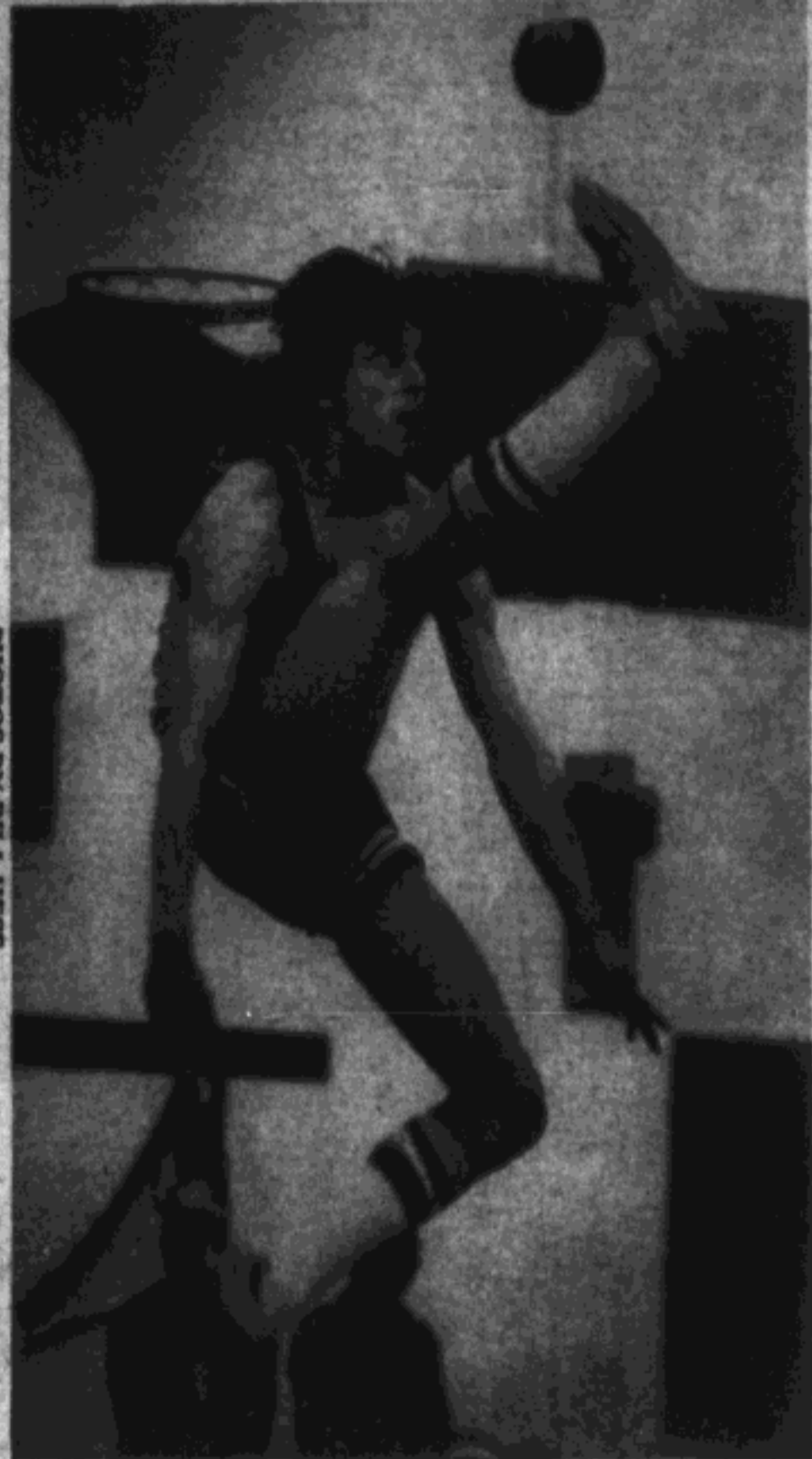
Kookie Ito, Kotzebue.

Boy's one foot high kick — Dan Wholechecse, Galena; Waska Awalin, Anchorage; Ted James, Yukon; Herbert Pan-

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Dan Wholecheese of Galena puts everything out of his mind (left) except the target, eight feet above the floor. Then he goes for the victory in the one-foot high kick.

Olympics winners announced

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iptchuk, Covenant; Scott Bonner, Soldotna, Girl's two foot high kick — Carol Pickett, Anchorage and Nicole Johnson, Nome, tie for first; Jocelyn McIntyre, Yukon; Franci Morris, Bethel; Jude Zachrey, Aleutians; Sara Balles-terof, Alaska Gateway.

Boy's two foot high kick — J.T. Sherman, Nome; John Ehrich, Kotzebue; Scott Bonner, Soldotna; Waska Awalin, Anchorage; Brian Fox, Dillingham. Girl's one-hand reach — Jocelyn McIntyre, Yukon; Susan Awalin, Anchorage; Sharon

Fox, Dillingham; Rosie Barr, Kongiganak; Franci Morris, Bethel.

Boy's one-hand reach — Nelson Walker, Kotzebue; Mark Janus, Yukon; Tony Pease, Anchorage; Keven Johnson, Dillingham; Tom Gabriel, Fairbanks. Girl's seal hip — Patty Koutchak, Unalakleet; Renita Bullas, Nome; Becky Elliot, Bethel; Tommy Herington, Alaska Gateway; Dawn Rhodes, Kilbuck.

Boy's seal hop — John Andren, Kongiganak; Wassile Roland, Bethel; Ted Angasan, Dillingham; Riley Armstrong, Nome; Ken Wolkoff, Kodiak.



Rosie Barr of Kongiganak reaches for the mark during the girls one-hand reach. Barr came in fourth in the event, which was won by Jocelyn McIntyre of the Yukon.



The competition brought the emotions of the competitors and fans to the surface. When Waska Awalin of Anchorage just missed first place in the one-foot high kick, a disappointed fan (left) let her grief be known. Carol Pickett was all smiles after her victory in the same event.