

lease it, and it stops just inches from his neck. The authorities take this as divine intervention and let the priest go.

Next the drunkard comes to the guillotine. He also decides to die face up hoping that he will be as fortunate as the priest. The blade comes speeding down and suddenly stops above his neck. So they release the drunkard as well.

The engineer is next. He too decides to die facing up. They slowly raise the blade of the guillotine, when suddenly the engineer says: "Hey, I see what your problem is."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reinforced

Oct. 23, 1997

To the editor:

As a former member of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly, I read Lorna Ramet's Oct. 22 letter to the editor re Mr. Hove, "Right on," reinforcing my memory of past assembly meetings. Believing Pete Kelly to be a man of courtesy, compassion and integrity, he will get my vote. Alaska S. Linck

Fairbanks

Side effects

Oct. 23, 1997

To the editor:

Thank you for your AP report, "Drugs linked to dental ill." (Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Oct. 21, 1997.) I would like to publicly thank Dr. Andrew Stanya for recognizing the side effects of a drug I was taking recently. Doctors and pharmacists have a difficult job educating the public on drug interactions. Individuals rarely have one health

care provider and often use multiple pharmacies, as a result, drugs are prescribed without any knowledge of the precautions.

I recently perused a Physician's Desk Reference and noted that women of child-bearing ages are at risk to become pregnant while they are taking birth control pills (most any kind, Demulen, Estrace, Ovcon 50, Ortho Novum, Modicon, Micronor or Searle, to name a few). If a woman (all ages) is on the pill and becomes ill (infection, virus, etc.), a physician may prescribe antibiotics. It is very possible that the antibiotic will decrease the protection that the birth control pills previously provided, resulting in pregnancy. These drugs and many others may interfere with the effectiveness of oral contraceptives by preventing proper absorption.

The following is not a complete list of drugs that you should also consider:

Rifampin, ampicillin, tetracycline (acne medication), sulfadiazine, drugs for epilepsy or mi-

members of Congress. So far the B-2 project has cost us taxpayers \$1 billion, which has purchased 10 bombers, which works out to \$2 billion per bomber, making it the most expensive airplane ever built (bear in mind, however, that it comes with floor mats).

Now here's the problem: The General Accounting Office did a big study of the B-2 bomber, concluding that—I will try to put this in layperson's terms—flying is bad for it. Yes. It turns out that the secret stealthy materials are sensitive to moisture, which as

graines, pain killers, tranquilizers, sedatives, sleeping pills, blood thinning drugs, cortisone-like drugs for depression, high blood pressure, diabetes and asthma drugs.

Lack of education has given many women a false sense of protection and pregnancies are occurring without a complete understanding of why the pill isn't working.

I would like to encourage all women to consult their physician concerning this matter. I have reviewed this information with health care providers: nurses, my dentist, and pharmacist. Sincerely, Shirley Jewett

Fairbanks

Your neighborhood

Oct. 22, 1997

To the editor:

A couple days ago while I was in Foodland, I overheard some people discussing the tragic incident where the young man was molested and beaten to death. The comment was made of "well where in the heck were the police

media about the B-2 Bomber not being able to fly in the rain. So in September, the Air Force struck back with a bold strategic move: It flew several dozen reporters and photographers from Washington to Missouri, where they witnessed as a team of airmen—I swear I am not making this bold strategic move up—WASHED A B-2 BOMBER.

"This airplane does not melt in water," stated an Air Force official in a quote that I am also not making up. "We do this all the time. We just get out here with the brushes and scrub away."

and how could they let something like this happen?"

And I was almost to the point of saying something to them in reference to that statement. A typical saying by the community, used all too often.

Then I caught a short piece of news last night. They were talking of what can be done to make sure nothing like this happens again. One gentleman said that it was partly because of the moral and family breakdown of the society as a whole. Yes, I agree. But all of you need to look under your noses and in your neighborhood for the one program that is there for the using and has been for quite a while.

I am talking about the Volunteers in Policing program. It is the one program that every community member can get involved in. This is a wonderful program that cannot make it without the community's involvement. There is a station on Gilliam Way (across from Play N' Learn) and one in the downtown core area. If there was enough community involvement to keep both stations

maybe it will turn out to be more cost-effective. Fly the enemy targets to our B-2s without getting too far from the climate-controlled maintenance facilities. So as a taxpayer, I applaud all the congresspersons who helped make this amazing weapon possible. I hope they get rewarded for their efforts by being taken for lengthy VIP flights on the B-2. In the rain. Strapped to a wing.

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manned all the time, perhaps some tragedies and senseless acts of violence can be stopped before they get started. The program has, along with office dispatchers, foot and vehicle patrols. But the people have to be there for the manpower. It cannot work without your involvement! So don't set there and bitch about something that you can do your part in to help. Call either station now, and get involved. And don't worry about and complain that the police aren't doing their part to protect you.

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suffering from a mental disorder,
just like schizophrenics.

Brand-new diseases, including
a lot of implausible ones, are an
old story for the psychiatrists and
their professional bible, the Diag-
nostic and Statistical Manual of
Mental Disorders. The DSM has
been revised several times,
usually with a few old diseases
thrown out and a large number
of new ones tossed in. Among
those added were caffeine-in-
duced anxiety disorder, inhalant
abuse and telephone scatologia
(making heavy-breathing sexual
phone calls). Now a boom is
under way for "Internet addiction
disorder" (IAD). In June,
Cincinnati police arrested a
woman accused of neglecting her
children because of IAD. Huffy
people on the Internet suggest
that the DSM might invent an-
other illness as well: television-
viewing addiction (TVA). Possible
criteria for a grave disorder: five
sitcoms or four football games in
a single day.

It's easy enough to make fun
of all this, but there's a serious
problem here. The DSM is con-
verting nearly all of life's stresses
and bad habits into mental disor-

der. This has the ef-
fect of creating and trying to en-
force social values on the basis of
scientific evidence that most
people in the field admit is rather
weak and unconvincing. In their
new book, "Making Us Crazy,"
Herb Kutchins and Stuart Kirk
point out that these psychiatric
criteria include the inability to
quit smoking, thinking a lot
about a former lover, holding a
grudge, having a hangover and
feeling apprehensive about giving
a speech. No one criterion labels
you as a psychiatric case, but the
language of DSM makes it impos-
sible to tell the normal from the
disordered.

According to DSM-IV, one
problem alone—general anxiety
disorder—will afflict 5 percent of
the population, or 12 million
people, at some point in their life-
time. "The pharmaceutical com-
panies—the makers of Prozac,
Xanax and the beta blockers for
stage fright—love those num-
bers," say Kutchins and Kirk.
And GAD is only one of the 374
official disorders that the psychi-
atrists say hit half of all Ameri-
cans.

Worse, the psychiatrists are

seen in all the new talk about
"shadow syndromes," or mild
versions of serious ailments that
many psychiatrists insist must be
treated. Currently five of nine
criteria may have to be met be-
fore a disorder is diagnosed. A
"shadow syndrome" may drop
that to two of nine, thus creating
many more sufferers. Something
like the "shadow syndromes" is
listed in the back of DSM-IV as
worthy of study, i.e., here are the
new diseases of tomorrow. They,
too, include light versions of se-
rious disorders. Some "shadowy"
ailments may be real, but most
appear to be the result of product
differentiation by successful en-
trepreneurs. New disorders do
for therapists what the litigation
boom did for lawyers.

Pharmaceutical companies
have a stake in this, too. PRIME-
MD, a simple one-page question-
naire used to screen for psychi-
atric problems, was funded by
Pfizer Inc. In a recent study of 1,
000 patients, PRIME-MD turned
up 287 people with identifiable
problems. A sympathetic news-
paper report said: "In about half
of these cases, doctors had failed
to diagnose the problems on a

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teaching us to look for pa-
tristic answers to social and
sonal problems. It's much e-
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York Times. But we know
this is an effort to cover l-
imaginary disorders as we
the real ones. Do we really
to do this?

John Leo's column about cont-
rary society is distributed by Un-
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Why does it cost so much? My
head was hurting so bad that
they didn't even turn on the
lights (that should have saved me
a couple of dollars—ha, ha, ha).
To top it off they want the bill
paid in full in 30 days or it goes
to a collection agency. How can I
come up with that kind of money
that fast? I only make \$600 a
month! And I still have to pay for
rent and food.

The state won't help me be-
cause I make too much money,
I'm over 21 years old, and have
no children.

Why can't doctors charge on a
sliding scale?

No wonder my generation is
credit card crazy. No matter what
we do we're always in debt!

We need to elect someone into
office that can help us figure out
what to do about medical costs.

I don't want a hand out—I
just want some help!
Darla Gregg
North Pole

Set example

Oct. 23, 1997

To the editor:

Fairbanks needs to take the
tragic death of John Hartman as
a wake-up call in the middle of a
recurring nightmare. For too
many years now the number of
violent crimes against young
people by young people has been
growing. In the 1950s that "gosh
damn younger generation" was

unmanageable, parents hung
their heads in shame as their
children shook to rock 'n' roll. If
only this were the gap between
our generations!

Wake up! Our younger
generation is not "rockin' out,"
they are stealing, beating, raping,
and murdering. When I was 18 I
left upstate New York to get
away from the senseless, random
acts of violence occurring around
the state. I saw it as completely
insane and unacceptable be-
havior, so I tried to escape. I've
learned it wasn't the state or the
size of the population contrib-
uting to this plague of violence; it
is simply becoming the nature of
our society.

This is also completely insane
and unacceptable to me but I love
Fairbanks and I have nowhere
else to run. Teachers and schools
have been chastised for at-
tempting to include a moral
fabric in their lessons. True, it is
neither their right nor their re-
sponsibility, but I believe it is the
lack of this moral fabric that has
brought us to where we are.

As a recent graduate of UAF
in the human services field, I in-
tend to stop running, I will dig
my heels in and help find a way
to return this fabric to our
youths in hopes they can end
their war against each other.
This is not a job for one person, a
group of people, or even an or-
ganization—this is a job for hu-
manity. I pray that everyone who

reads this letter takes the time to
pass on an example-setting lesson
of right from wrong to a person
in need. Remember, if they don't
learn it from you, are they
learning it?

Please help,
Karen L. Kreiser
Fairbanks

Cut off

Oct. 22, 1997

To the editor:

Hank Hove's statements prior
to the Oct. 7 election (and since)
deserve illumination. Hove
claims his unusual refusal to
allow further comment at an
April assembly meeting affected
just a "Salcha farmer," he said
was late. Yet I, too, drove 30
miles to speak that evening, was
there on time with a few dozen
others, several of whom also
signed up to speak. Why were we
all shut out? Because, as indi-
cated on the sign-up sheets, we
wished to support an issue Hove
vehemently disagrees with: a
smaller budget.

The audiotapes and sheets for
that meeting support the fact
that, in a deliberate move to pre-
vent our comments, Hove ig-
nored the order in which people
signed up, instead bouncing be-
tween two sheets to allow those
who were there to "pat his back"
to use most of the time, leaving
very little for two "token" dis-
senters (smaller budget advoca-
tes).

Ladd McBride was thrice ru-

dely interrupted by a blatant
ritated Hove when McBride
to request what is frequent
tended comment time. After
interruption (and Hove's
noyed ranting), McBride
marked he hadn't finished,
interrupted again by Hove
clarifying, "No, and you won't
ther...we have fulfilled
obligation to the public"
with the arrogance one might
pect of an unelected bureau-
or distant politician, he wit-
his authority as presiding o-
to silence us.

Hove's tone reveals his
nature.

It's one thing to disagree
to silence valid public opin-
through power plays, then
licly state a lone farmer
denied is a deliberate lie.

Before his campaign, I
was preparing to retire to
Lower 48. He will receive life
retirement benefits from u-
take South. A stint as mayor
substantially increase those b-
fits. Is this the source of H-
"commitment"? Take the m-
and run, leaving us with the l-

Hank Hove is selfish, i-
gant, and truth-impaired. In
book, these characteristics
with thieves. If Hove becc-
mayor, hang on to your wallet
For truth,
Jamie Cox
Two Rivers

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More to it

Oct. 23, 1997

To the editor:

What happened to "innocent until proven guilty"? The coverage by your newspaper of the tragic murder of John Hartman contributes nothing to the basic premise of our legal system. To the contrary, your reporting seems focused on "racial" tension; as though the guilt of these young men is a foregone conclusion and that race was the motivating factor.

Marvin Roberts claims to be innocent of the charges made against him. I pray that this is so. It is extremely difficult for any of us who have known Marvin as an intelligent, easy-going, good-natured, and helpful individual, to associate him with an act of unprovoked violence. It is completely out of character. As a non-Native person who has lived for 20 years in this Athabaskan community, I am in a better position than most to speak of the issue of prejudice. I associate daily with members of the Roberts family and know them as friends and co-workers. This is not a family of prejudice nor is it a family of anger and violence. These are people to whom concern and caring for all other people is a strong family ethic. I do not know the other boys being accused in this case, but it strikes me that there must be much more to this event than we are now hearing.

John Hartman died of an act of brutality. Such violence sickens everyone I know in this village. But none of us know what happened that night and we won't know until evidence is presented at trial.

I suggest that you scrutinize your reporting and editorial policy; the bias long displayed by this paper sows the seeds of the prejudice and racism you profess to decry.

Sincerely yours,
Carla K. Bonney
Tanana

Individual choice

Oct. 23, 1997

paign for borough mayor.

In 1991 Jim Sampson runs for mayor. His campaign chairman is Grace Schaible. Grace is appointed to the Permanent Fund Board. Sampson's terms is up in 1997 and he supports Hank Hove. Schaible leaves her position on the board to become Hove's campaign chairman then Tony Knowles appoints Sampson to Schaible's seat on the Permanent Fund Board. Tony Knowles' man in Fairbanks (Tom Moyer) becomes actively involved in Hank Hove's effort while Jim Sampson's special assistant quits her job to work on the Hove campaign.

But wait, there's more.

Jim Sampson was a business agent for the Laborers union. His sister is a business agent for the State Employee's union and his brother-in-law is a business agent for the Operators union. With Hove's support, Sampson was able to pass project labor agreements which excluded non-union workers from working on the school construction. As presiding officer Hove also allowed Sampson to negotiate the borough employee contracts with a negotiating team made up of two former labor union business agents and a borough employee.

If term limits accomplish nothing else they can be valuable in breaking up this kind of good ol' boy behavior.

Dave Dohner
Fairbanks

Ousted

Oct. 23, 1997

To the editor:

I am a road commissioner at the expense of one of the best road commissioners Aztec Service Area has ever had. Hank Hove helped orchestrate this outrageous ouster. Elected chairman by his peers, Del Moss took his duties very seriously and maintained the roads with the best interests of the people who pay property taxes in the service area in mind. When this meant firing the contractor, he had the courage to do it.

Rick Navin of rural services got mad about the decision. When his appointment came up for review, Navin called Del and boasted, "I got you fired."

The other road commissioners

want "business as usual"; I want change.
Sincerely,
Bud Violett
North Pole

Selective logic

Oct. 22, 1997

To the editor:

Borough mayor candidate Pete Kelly needs to study a few fundamentals about the boreal forest he is so eager to turn into oriented strand board.

In a recent press conference hosted by the Farthest North Press Club Mr. Kelly had to be corrected on the rotation period for Interior trees. It's not 30 years, it's 60-80 years for hardwoods, and 120+ years for white spruce.

Mr. Kelly states he is against "large-scale industrialized logging," yet he advocates a "burgeoning timber industry" creating 1,000 jobs. This is clearly "large-scale" industrial logging.

Mr. Kelly also stated at the press conference that timber interests need to export raw logs first, in order to amass the capital to build value-added facilities. Great Mr. Kelly! What are we going to add value to...stumps?

And, Mr. Kelly claims that we need to clear-cut our forest before the spruce bark beetles get them. The fact is, in Interior Alaska, they are not a huge problem. So, Mr. Kelly, the sky is not falling, the air is not filled with swarms of spruce bark beetles.

Mr. Kelly speaks about attracting a "components" industry to Fairbanks. Wouldn't one attraction of the Fairbanks area be the relatively pristine appearing environment?

Why are trees "value added" only after being cut? There is, somewhere in the Tanana Valley, a 400-year-old white spruce that is 300 feet tall. Are you really adding value to this by slicing it into boards? Perhaps some trees add more value standing! I'm sure I'm not the only person that would like to see this tree!

I'm not opposed to selective logging, but I am opposed to selective logic.

We need more selective logging and clear-cut logic not select-

er, Monday, October 27, 1997

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Disorder

ous visit." Another way of g this is that a screening funded by a drug company igned to double the number of e with psychiatric difficul- many of whom will therefore eding regular pills.

ie psychiatrists are free to re as many people disor- as they wish. But the effort the concepts behind it are

ious weather broadcast channel for Fairbanks, 102.30 MHz, has a new information site from which it reports. Weather watchers can welcome regular updates from the Fort Knox mine site now.



LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

lay dying in her arms. No one has brought a civil action suit against this teacher. I guess in a crisis it's OK to call out to God in public.

Godless

Oct. 24, 1997

To the editor:

The tragedy surrounding John Hartman's death will no doubt spark a variety of efforts to address the violence that pervades this town and how we can best counter the increase of gang activity. Social action is not the answer folks. The answer is Christ. We have outlawed God in this country, so the outlaws now have free rein. All of man's social ills can be traced to one thing, a godless society.

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In Texas a high school student went on a shooting rampage and shot several students. One of the teachers interviewed said she prayed out loud as one young girl

the state of Alaska. The state of Alaska would manage its fish and game without oversight by federal officials.

An "against" vote would affirm that rural residents desire to remain Alaska state citizens with its benefits and responsibilities under our present Constitution and instruct Congress to amend ANILCA to remove the divisiveness between rural and urban residents and to restore fish and game management to the state of Alaska.

Billy B. Butts
North Pole

Halfway house

Oct. 24, 1997

To the editor:

There is a way for two regional corporations to merge together for financial gain, and at the same time, they would be helping their shareholders.

That would be to build a halfway house somewhere in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Alaska Native Commission's recommendations and conclusions for Alaska Native inmates across the state of Alaska was to build more half-way houses, with on-the-job-training programs and college classes. The Tanana Chiefs college program also has some classes to offer and would be beneficial if they chose to get involved. Also, this would create employment for the two regional corporation's shareholders.

The two regional corporations that would benefit most from a project such as this would be the Arctic Slope Regional Corp. and Doyon Ltd., since most of the in-

mates that populate the Fairbanks Correctional Center and the North Star Center are shareholders from these two regional corporations.

Studies show that, across the United States, privately owned facilities such as these are a thriving business.

Thank you,
Gordon G. Riley
Doyon Ltd. shareholder
Fairbanks

Act on warrants

Oct. 23, 1997

To the editor:

A couple of thoughts on the senseless murder of John Hartman. My son (also 15) having been the victim of an assault and robbery this past August, I thought, "There but for the grace of God..." Apparently at least three of the people charged with attacking Hartman had police records and/or had not completed their sentencing on various counts which included (no big surprise) underage drinking and assault. More effort

If it means hiring more police and troopers, I'm all for it. Additionally, once these individuals are apprehended, the sent should be a real deterrent. A Hartman's attackers, I say the punishment fit the crime. Incident presents a good argument for the death penalty. Jackie Dupee
Fairbanks

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by the police and state troopers
should be put into tracking down
offenders who don't complete
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and/or have outstanding war-
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Based on my experience, far
too many offenders are "put in
the system" but little effort is
made to locate them. They're
usually picked up for another
crime and the previous record is
discovered, as may have hap-
pened in this case. Both of the in-
dividuals suspected in my son's
attack are still on the streets;
wanted for armed robbery and
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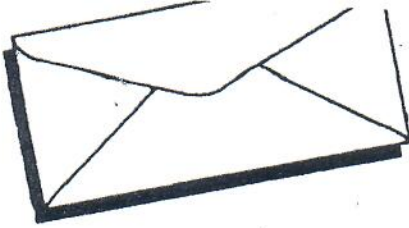
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When we teach our children there is no God and we do away with the Judeo-Christian standards this country was founded on, then there are no absolutes to live by. When you're taught we are nothing but evolved monkeys, then life has little meaning or value.

A person who does not have Christ in their life does not know the joy and peace of unconditional love and acceptance that can only come from God. Our children are desperately looking for acceptance. Their homes are being destroyed by divorce and alcohol, so they turn to their peers and follow the latest fad or gang that takes them under their wing.

In Texas a high school student went on a shooting rampage and shot several students. One of the teachers interviewed said she prayed outloud as one young girl

lay dying in her arms. No one has brought a civil action suit against this teacher. I guess in a crisis it's OK to call out to God in public.

Parents, be home for your kids, talk to them around the dinner table, take them to church. Teens, if your family is not interested in getting involved in a church, let your "fingers do the walking" and find a church that has a good youth program. Call for a ride, I know they will be happy to pick you up and deliver you safely back home again. Try God and pray for our town.

Sincerely,
Dot Keith
Fairbanks

A solution

Oct. 24, 1997

To the editor:

In view of the continuing impasse between the state, the federal government, the Alaska rural residents, and the Alaska urban residents, about subsistence, formation of Indian country, ANILCA, etc., I am offering a suggestion for a solution.

Let all residents of rural Alaska (Native and federal lands and private lands within the exterior boundaries of these lands) vote "for" or "against" Indian country designation. All lawsuits concerning this to be dropped.

A "for" vote would remove these lands from the state of Alaska and become a semi-independent area under U.S. congressional control. Residents of rural Alaska (Indian country) would become ineligible for any benefits, programs, or citizenship in

the state of Alaska. Alaska would manage the game without overal officials.

An "against" firm that rural residents remain Alaska state its benefits and under our present and instruct Congress ANILCA to remove the mess between rural residents and to re game management Alaska.

Billy B. Butts
North Pole

Halfway house

To the editor:

There is a way for corporations to make money for financial gain, same time, they work for their shareholders.

That would be the way house some of Fairbanks North Star Alaska Native Commendations and for Alaska Native in the state of Alaska more half-way house the job-training program college classes.

Chiefs college program some classes to offer be beneficial if they involved. Also, this employment for the corporation's shareholders.

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...tive corporation and holdings and activities, the federal government would launch no new land withdrawals or wilderness studies without congressional approval.

Ever since then the Department of Interior has been probing for ways around this law, even when it's not ignoring it outright. The U.N. Biosphere Reserves is one huge open door for this activity.

Young's bill would prohibit the secretary of the Interior from nominating any federal lands for inclusion on the World Heritage List unless the secretary publishes a finding that commercially viable uses of nominated lands

...of protecting the terrestrial, marine environment, flora, or fauna unless specifically authorized by law, including state and local law.

The Legislature endorsed Young's bill in House Joint Resolution 14, introduced and pushed smoothly through this year's session by Rep. Jeannette James, R-North Pole.

"These international designations as presently handled are an open invitation to the international community to interfere in domestic economies and land use decisions," the resolution states.

The resolution notes several cases where the current Interior leadership has used the U.N. pro-

Davies, D-Fairbanks, and Sen. Georgianna Lincoln, D-Rampart. Another "no" vote in the Senate came from Sen. Jim Duncan, D-Juneau, who plans to run for Young's congressional seat next year.

Young's bill is now in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which is chaired by Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska.

A provision in the recently passed Interior appropriations act also blocks spending any federal money on the U.N. "biosphere reserve" program.

Fred Pratt, a Fairbanks free-lance journalist, is a longtime reporter and observer of Alaska politics.

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Sorry

Oct. 28, 1997

To the editor:

Some people thought I stepped over the line when I spoke to the borough assembly Thursday night, Oct. 23, 1997. For those people who thought this, I am truly sorry.

When I was on KFAR's "Round Table" on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997, I was asked not to mention Pete Kelly's name. I did not want to cause Mr. Kelly to lose any votes and I do want good government, therefore, I refrained. I did not speak of the other elected citizens, who should have been seated but were denied due process, for the same reason.

Mr. Hove has always portrayed me as a religious nut on TV on Channel 11. If I was a religious nut, I might compare myself to Christ when he chased the money-changers out of the temple, when I asked all the entrenched assembly members to step down because they were greedy money-changers. I might be Christ-like for speaking out about Mr. Hove's support to murder unborn children. I think

that if Christ lives in me at all, I should speak out about Mr. Hove promoting homosexuality in a public place like the library. Mr. Hove thought this was great and supported this movement.

Mr. Hove, maybe I am a right-wing wacko after all so I pray that you will change your way of thinking so you can live in a cooler place for eternity.

Larry Petty
Salcha

Care enough

Oct. 28, 1997

To the editor:

Two people shot to death by an angry disturbed neighbor. A family devastated when the father/husband and one child are killed by a drunk driver. A youth stomped to death, allegedly by four other youth.

These are all examples of the senseless violence that has infected our community. But what can we do about it? Pass more laws? All these acts were already illegal. More police? They have already acknowledged that even a cop on every corner wouldn't solve the problem. More service agencies? They are already fully engaged in their missions.

No, this infection can only be eliminated by we the citizens changing our attitudes. We must no longer tolerate the drunk driver. We must no longer tolerate the "little crimes" that lead to bigger, more violent acts. We must each care enough about our neighbors to each personally help them so their anger, isolation or drunkenness doesn't destroy us and them.

This simple prescription has stood the test of time. Do we care enough to cure our community? I wonder?

Fred Brantingham
Fairbanks

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inspect former Attorney Cole would be interested in this matter in court. wonder what the worst-case scenario would be for these, it's exactly this: you are unsued civilly in court by request and respected state attorney general. I have a guy like me out rring the pot, offering re-putting ads in the paper radio and spending a lot of free time—and I got a lot of now as I don't have a to drive around in—to

dragging to court and about how they went out, stole four trucks and totaled each and every one of them over a period of two nights. They stole a GMC logo off my tailgate as a remembrance. Maybe they showed it to someone they shouldn't have.

How to get the leads? If I ask the juveniles that did this to call the Alaska State Troopers at 451-5100 and turn themselves in I may be asking too much.

Obviously, the thing to do is offer a reward for information leading to the arrest of these vandals. That will create more in-

names of these kids, their Social Security numbers, their parents' names, where they work and their total net worth sitting on a trooper's desk by this time tomorrow. Wouldn't that be a hoot? Yessirree, money makes the lips loosey-goosey. The guys responsible for this are thinking, "Yeah, thank God they ain't offering up a \$50,000 reward."

But there is a reward, and if you want it, call the troopers at 451-5100 and help us catch these guys.

John Reeves is the former owner of Gold Dredge No. 8.

"satirical" when they mean "you will not laugh once." Nevertheless I stressed to Rob that he should make this homework his absolute highest priority, allowing nothing to come ahead of it, but that first we would go out for Italian food. Rob drove us to the restaurant. I like to let him drive because it improves my circulation by causing my heart to beat 175,000 times per minute, although this particular trip was fairly relaxing right up until Rob made the rookie error of actually stopping at a red light, rather than accelerating through it as is customary in Miami, the result being that we were rammed by the car behind us. The other driver, as required by local law, was uninsured and spoke no English. This gave us an educational opportunity to brush up on our Spanish by engaging in a dialogue with the other driver, which went like this:

US (pointing at the light): Rojo! ("Red!")

OTHER DRIVER: No! Amarillo! ("No! Yellow!")

US: Like heck-o! ("We disagree!")

OTHER DRIVER: Que son? Guitos? ("What are you? Geats?")

It took two hours and two police officers to sort it out, with the outcome being that the other driver received a ticket-o. Fortunately, my car sustained only superficial damage, which I'm sure at today's body-work prices can be repaired for no more than it would cost to purchase the entire contents of the Louvre at retail.

Dave welcomes your comments, complaints, news tips and greetings, no matter how rude! Mail them to: Dave Barry, Miami Herald, 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132.

EDITOR

throughout their lives. ally, like many Americans, it understand that mental is a disease, and like heart or diabetes, can be effectively treated. But not if mental treatment is considered a and eliminated from care plans, as Pete Kelly as.

y-eight percent of the States population has experienced a mental disorder at joint in their life, and almost 10 percent suffer from one given ar.

of us experience problems yday living from time to time and many people depend on health counseling to assist them in dealing with trouble-feelings, stress, work-difficulties, life changes, issues, marriage and family ns, grief, and trauma. care of one's mental

health is just as important as taking care of physical health. I am frightened by a person who considers mental health counseling a "frill."

Sincerely,
Susan D. Criss-Carbo
Fairbanks

Innocent still

Oct. 31, 1997

To the editor:

First, my deepest condolences to the Hartman family in their loss of their son John. I hope they can find comfort with Bible verse John 16:22.

In response to the letter dated Oct. 17, 1997 by Scott Bowen. How can you wish death to someone that's innocent until proven guilty by the court of law. I will not believe the media coverage and the police force until the case is proven in court with facts and evidence that the four young men committed this crime.

I have known Marvin Roberts since birth. He is a kind, courteous and considerate young adult. Marvin does not have a police record. Marvin was raised with firm guidance by his mother. Marvin has a large extended loving family that will love and support him through this widely publicized ordeal, and I thank Jesus every day for the precious lives of all my family members.

In our Native culture, we never wish bad luck to anyone, under any circumstances, or it would turn back on us, one way or another. Tell me, Mr. Bowen, if some member of your family was arrested and charged with this crime, would you wish death to them also? I think not. Maybe you should adopt our Native culture.

Sincerely, Lena McCarty
Marvin's aunt, Ruby

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