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## ***Bean's Cafe says thank you***

To the editor:

The Recipe Tasting Luncheon sponsored by the *Anchorage Times* and the Sheraton Anchorage for Bean's Cafe, using the recipes from the *Two Billion Dollar Cookbook* was a resounding success.

Now we know why the book is such a hot seller — the recipes selected were enthusiastically received by almost 400 people.

A very special thanks to Bill Allen and Forest Paulson who not only hosted the event but demonstrated their auctioneering talents by selling four beautifully wrapped cookbooks to some very high bidders.

Also a special thanks to the Cookbook Committee headed by Kay

Harrison and Jean Krueger and the many committee members whose talent and hard work produced such an extraordinary cookbook.

Our thanks to Continental Airlines for generously donating two roundtrip tickets for auction.

The good feeling and good cheer in evidence that day was occasioned over good food. We thank all those who gathered together to enjoy the fellowship of the event and to help out those who are our neediest citizens — so that they can enjoy the fellowship and the good food at Bean's Cafe.

Maggie Carey  
Executive Director  
Beans Cafe  
Anchorage

## ***We shouldn't pay for S&L crisis***

To the editor:

I know that most of us are extremely concerned about the federal takeover of lands within our borders.

I want to address another problem we all share: the U.S. savings and loan bailout. I do not want to pay \$20 every

year for a crime in which I was the victim.

If this is what "my country" does to me, I want out. I will not pay for the crime against me.

Susan Enari  
Anchorage

## ***Maintaining flight stations***

To the editor:

Recently, Alaska representatives of the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists, the bargaining unit representing Federal Aviation Administration flight service station specialists, met with members of Sen. Ted Stevens' Washington office to discuss the Flight Service Modernization Program and a proposal for maintaining satellite facilities in Alaska.

Although the term "satellite" is not clearly defined in anyone's mind, suffice it to say that the intent is to main-

tain some form of remote flight service station operation across the state in lieu of full consolidation of the existing 26 stations into the Fairbanks, Juneau and Kenai Automated Flight Service Stations.

Stevens has been a long-time supporter of flight service employees and has recently taken a strong interest in the proposal. Little did we know prior to our meeting, that despite our earlier encouragement to do so, these staff members arrived in Alaska having

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# Don't allow oil crisis to harm environment

To the editor:

Just after the invasion of Kuwait and just before Congress left for recess, Sen. Frank Murkowski attached an amendment to the Defense Authorization bill calling for the nation to respond to increased oil imports by ignoring environmental laws.

Anytime oil imports exceed 50 percent for six of the past 12 months, an action plan will be produced which, once approved, would allow onshore

and offshore drilling in federal lands, specifically including protected lands, "notwithstanding any other provision of law."

After briefly mentioning conservation and alternative fuels, this defense amendment goes on to require incentives and tax breaks for the oil industry.

Our nation needs to come through any crisis with as much left intact as possible. Murkowski's amendment

works counter to this purpose. It mandates that we give up environmental protection at the first sign of trouble.

If Murkowski were truly concerned about national security, he would advocate Senate Bill 1224 which improves mileage standards and could, every two years, save more oil than even optimists expect to find in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Conservation clearly serves national security better than more drilling. It

starts coming on-line immediately. It lasts forever. It cannot be destroyed in battle or by sabotage, and it doesn't pollute or contribute to global warming.

The Gulf crisis is a result of the world's growing addiction to oil, but instead of working toward a cure, Murkowski is demanding another fix at virtually any cost.

Steve and Patti Poirot  
Girdwood

## Is marijuana use really a crime?

To the editor:

The war on drugs is very real. If the ballot initiative designed to recriminalize marijuana passes, the war against marijuana, in Alaska, will be waged with much enthusiasm. This will not stop people from smoking marijuana.

Never before have so many political Alaskans had the motivation to get out and vote, but it is necessary to register before Oct. 6. Alaskans can register at any Elections Office, City Clerk's Office, Department of Motor Vehicle Office, with a qualified voter registrar, or by mail.

If you live in the Bush, and are not

registered to vote, write: Elections Office, 240 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Box AF, Juneau 99811. Ask for a voter registration application and an absentee ballot. If you are already registered to vote, get an absentee ballot sent to you today!

Beyond the political rhetoric and televised hype, the issue of recriminalization boils down to one simple question. Is it a crime for adults to have small amounts of marijuana in the privacy of the home?

Sincerely,  
Rawles Williams  
Alaskan Marijuana Coalition  
Fairbanks

## Dushkin helps museum with photos

To the editor:

Thank you for running our historical photograph of St. Paul Island in a recent issue of the *Tundra Times*.

Thanks to your article, Dora Dushkin made her knowledge of St. Paul available to us. She has been wonderful, and we thank her for her help.

She was able to identify most of the photographs in the Clarence L. Olson collection. It is only through such generous interest of your readers that such information can be saved.

Sincerely,  
M. Diane Brenner  
Museum Archivist  
Anchorage



## Letters to the Editor

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made no plans to visit existing facilities or to meet with aviation user groups.

Henry Elias, FAA Alaska Air Traffic Division manager, graciously afforded one member of the fact finding team the opportunity to join in a previously scheduled facility evaluation flight to several flight service stations in the region. This first hand experience of flying into these remote facilities and the ability to meet briefly with local pilots and specialists was of great benefit.

I am extremely confident that along with consolidation we will see some form of satellite operation in Alaska, and while no firm proposals have been offered, discussions are none the less

ongoing.

One thing is sure, however. We cannot expect to keep any station operating without justification and input from you the users. Additionally, it is imperative that any plans to continue operation of existing stations be fully supported by congressional funding for the upgrade of existing equipment at those sites.

I strongly encourage any of you who are concerned about the future of the flight service station in Alaska to contact the senator's office and express those concerns.

Sincerely,  
Mark A. Boberick  
Fairbanks