

# A perfectionist finds fault with "perfection"

How about that issue last week on the ICC Conference in Frobisher Bay? Kudos to Tundra Times reporter/photographer Bill Hess for a brilliant and exhaustive effort in putting together all the stories and pictures for that edition. Surely there is an award out there for this example of photojournalism at its finest.

Ever the professional, Bill's only complaints were that he didn't have enough space and/or time to put everything he wanted into that issue, and of course the picture that was inadvertently omitted by our printers.

Ah, yes, the artist's quest for perfection.

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Speaking of the ICC meeting, Charlie Johnson, president of Bering Straits Native Corporation, and Alaskan delegate to the conference confirmed what we had heard about some missing luggage.

It seems that the people getting on the charter jet at Anchorage had their luggage waylaid somewhere and they didn't get their baggage for about four days after arriving at Frobisher Bay.

"With four people staying in most rooms," Charlie said, "we all were awfully glad to see that luggage finally turn up." We can imagine. It was probably the biggest test of friendship the delegates and observers had in a long, long time.

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Observed the Tattler at the Demo-

cratic Barbecue hosting Senator Ted Kennedy's return to Alaska: Chugach's Keith Gordaoff, Edgard Blatchford and Jim LaBelle; Alec and Ruby John; Sylvia Carlsson; Flore and Mary Lekanof; AVCP's Tom Richards, Jr.; Bert Campbell; and the ever lovely Hilda Woods, to name a few.

Of course Willie Hensley was there to introduce the Democratic bigwigs including Gov. Sheffield, Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles and former governor Bill Egan. Kennedy inadvertently referred to Egan as "Gov. Bill Evans" but quickly corrected himself

by saying, "I'm thinking of a little bit south of here."

An absolutely chilling statistic offered by Kennedy: the U.S. and Russia have the equivalent of four tons of TNT for every man, woman and child inhabiting this planet.

And how is that for overkill?

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A rap on the knuckles to the Anchorage Daily News for its pervasive coverage of the antics of a mixed-up and confused couple that engaged in a spree of robberies around southcentral and interior Alaska. That would be Van

and Armelda Travelstead, of course.

Assistant District Attorney Frank Rothschild reportedly said, "I want to make sure our young people don't glorify these people and make them Alaska's version of Robin Hood, because that's not what's going on here." We couldn't agree more.

Sunday's Daily News has a front page story headlined — can you believe this "The ballad of Travis and Armelda." Luckily they only devoted a page and a half (I'm being sarcastic) to romanticizing the sordid acts of this much-less-than-glorious duo. Nuff said.

