

Remember Mother Nature's beauty in January

MOTHER NATURE, WHAT'LL YOU DO FOR AN ENCORE? . . . Can anyone remember a better all-around summer than has hit Alaska this past four months? As the leaves turn to brilliant oranges and yellows and the hills become so bright, it would seem ungrateful for us to complain about this coming winter no matter how bad it might get. Just remember that in January.

If you were to compare this past year's weather in Alaska with just about anywhere Outside, you'd have to admit that Alaska has come out on top, weather-wise. But please, keep it hush, hush or we'll have another rush the likes of which hasn't been seen around here for quite a spell.

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YOU AIN'T GETTING OLDER, ON SECOND THOUGHT, YOU ARE . . .

J.J. "Junior" Ramos, well-known public affairs rep for Alascom, recently reached another milestone — which soon become millstones as we get older and older — when he celebrated his 45th birthday with family and friends last week.

Junior said he only goes around with younger women nowadays because there just aren't that many women older than he is. Which of course brings us to the next big question: "When are you going to stop being called Junior and start being called Senior?"

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TIME FOR A CHANGE FOR A TIME . . . **Sylvia Carlsson** has a recommendation to Gov. Bill Sheffield for the naming of the new time zones that will take effect the latter part of October — Alaska Eskimo Time and Alaska Indian

Time. But then that would leave out the Aleuts, and we wouldn't want to do that.

The Tattler would rather see the zone that is one hour later called Alaska Native Time as that is the excuse used whenever the Tattler is late for any appointment. And it seems to work every time.

Readers should send their own recommendations to Gov. Sheffield direct rather than to the Tundra Times. Please.

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COMING IN OCTOBER . . . Soon to be joining the Tundra Times as full-time artist and advertising designer will be **Michael Hootch**, creator of a new cartoon series starring little "Hootch," and guess who he's named after? Follow the escapades of this cute little guy coming up around the 1st of November

in this, your favorite newspaper.

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GRAFFITI OF THE WEEK: "My doctor says I've got a split personality. And so do I."

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HE'S SUCH A DARK HORSE HE MAKES BLACK BEAUTY LOOK LIKE TRIGGER . . . **Michael J. Beasley**, former Democratic candidate for Governor has announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate, on a positive note: "I'm not running against Ted, I'm running for the Alaskan people," Beasley said.

Beasley will best be remembered for his pitch to get \$10,000 to each and every Alaskan from the permanent fund dividend. And he never appeared to lose his sense of humor, for which he has the Tattler's vote, fer sure fer sure.