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BANK OFFICIALS LOSE BETS, WIN PIES IN THE FACE

Alaska National Bank of the North's senior loan administrator Harold Olson, left, and commercial loan officer Scott Santee bet two of their fellow employees the Denver Broncos would win the Super Bowl. The stakes: a pie in the face. Dallas won. So Monday night, the two lined up while the winners of the bet, assistant

vice president manager Marianne Holiday and assistant Ed Leon, pushed the mushy goo into Olson's selected Jemommerlogue. Santee chose the woman in the picture at right is Ms. Holli

Sen. Orsini Hires Californians For His Staff

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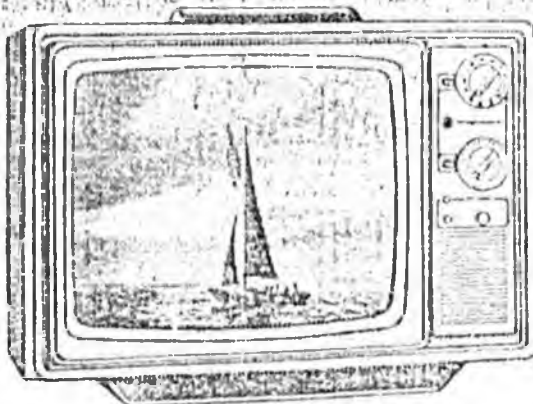
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Mizera will be paid \$18 a day while Ms. Brest will earn \$52 a day. Legislative staffers are paid for seven days a week even if they only work five.

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To the voters of
South Anchorage —

Once again I am privileged to represent you during the legislative session which begins on January 9 in Juneau. Please write to me at Pouch V, Juneau 99811, if you have questions or concerns about what is going on, or if there are things you think I should know in order to cast a more informed vote. I look forward to hearing from you.



Lisa Rudd

Representative, District 11

(Election District 11 — South Anchorage — is generally south of Tudor Rd., east of Campbell Lake, and includes Indian and Girdwood.)

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THE BOTTOMLINE

By Representative Bob Bradley

Thomas Jefferson, father of the democratic party, who places his trust in the yeoman farmer, would like the idea. Alexander Hamilton, who called the people "that great beast" and labeled democracy "our real disease" would oppose it - right along with Jay Hammond, our Governor.

The idea is contained in House Bill 188, a bill passed last session by the Legislature and arrogantly vetoed in June by Governor Hammond. Among other things, HB 188 would allow voters to register and vote on election day. Currently, if you fail to register at least 31 days before an election, you summarily lose your right to vote in that contest.

The amendment was introduced to eliminate an unworthy administration impediment to suffrage which constitutes one of the last patent interferences with the peoples sacred right to participate in a democracy. It succeeds women's suffrage and the abolition of literacy tests and poll taxes, as the next logical step in a 200 year struggle to maximize the franchise.

Why would anyone want to tamper with an American citizen's birthright? Jay Hammond offered two reasons in his June 9, 1978 veto message which merit discussion.

First, he advanced a curious version of the so-called Informed Voter Argument which holds that arbitrary registration requirements are legitimate because people who fail to meet registration deadlines are automatically irresponsible and uninformed. Excluding these voters from the polls is practically a public service. They don't deserve to vote. Hamilton would live this one.

Hammond goes one more and gives it an Alaska twist by concentrating on the infamous "new resident". These folks he assumes, do not understand Alaska and probably won't stay here anyway. It is therefore, "questionable public policy" to allow them to vote at all, especially if they "consider it too burdensome to register 30 days in advance of an election."

Of course, other residents will be excluded as well. But so what, he might respond. Everyone should be punished for tardiness. It's a sign of ignorance and bad faith. After all, you can almost hear him say, voting is a privilege and not a right.

Shame on you, Governor. Registration defaults can be inadvertent or unavoidable. More importantly, literacy tests are out. The Supreme Court has declared that in our system you don't have to be informed or sincere to vote. You need only be 18 years old and a resident - even new residency is protected. Voting is a right and not a privilege. It should take more than a missed deadline to lose it.

So much for the informed voter argument.

Let's try the other one. Hammond also suggests that election registration would "result in voter confusion and increase the opportunity and probability of fraud." Why? He doesn't tell us, but let me guess.

Under existing law, it could be argued, the Lieutenant Governor has at least 30 days before an election to verify voter qualifications. If voters are allowed to register on the day of the election, this safeguard would be jeopardized.

On the contrary. The anti-fraud procedures outlined in HB 188 are just as effective, if not more so. For example, they provide that those who register at the time of voting must execute an affidavit of voter qualification and submit a driver's license "or other document which proves identification and residence." Right now, all you have to do is walk in and sign up. No affidavit or proof of identification is required.

HB 188 also mandates that the ballots of those registering on election day be treated as "questioned ballots." They cannot be counted until all qualifying information has been verified by the Lieutenant Governor. This issue is merely when and not whether the information is authenticated. No vote is deemed valid without the Lieutenant Governor's seal of approval.

If you do break the law, and it's possible under either version, you must pay the price; a price which is significantly inflated under HB 188. Current law gets you up to one year and/or \$1,000. HB 188 threatens up to 5 years and/or \$3,000 for first convictions, up to 10 years and \$15,000 the second time around. If punishment and deterrence are your concerns, HB 188 is a better mousetrap.

So much for voter fraud.

There may be another possible reason for his surprising veto of HB 188 - an ulterior one. Republicans are afraid of election day registration. They think it will benefit Democrats who are more in tune with the apathetic masses. Maybe. As far as I'm concerned, it could go either way. Besides, that's not the point.

In any case, Hammond, a maverick republican who makes a lot of other republicans mad, could have vetoed HB 188 in the spirit of Republican friendship and cooperation; a cynical giveaway, tendered by a transparent "leader" who talks like a populist and acts like Alexander Hamilton.

So much for HB 188? Not quite. We have one more shot. If 40 Legislators vote to override the Governor's veto by Friday, January 13, 1978, HB 188 becomes law.

This is a serious matter unfairly confused by the Hammond Administration. The vote, the very essence of democracy, is sacrosanct - not voter registration as vote, the very essence of democracy, is sacrosanct - not voter registration as Jay Hammond would like you to believe. The right to vote necessarily includes the right to unfettered access to the polls; potential costs, delays, and confusion notwithstanding.

The people, all the people, must come first. Obstacles which unjustifiably limit voter participation inexcusably deny our democratic idea. We have a solemn duty to remove them.

I will vote to override the Governor's misplaced veto. And that vote is the bottom line.

Bob Bradley is a rural business developer and state representative from East Anchorage (Mountain View, Muldoon, Eagle River and Chugiak). He is presently chairman of the House State Affairs Committee.

Johnson said, the threats to the artifacts were voiced. Someone, she testified, would let them rot first, before we'd let them burn them." Johnson also said "there are threats of burning the artifacts."

Johnson's testimony was corroborated by Woodrow, who said some of the villagers were chanting "burn 'em, burn 'em." Woodrow Johnson said "they'd rather they died with the people there in Klukwan."

Johnson said they'd rather burn them than sneeze the village."

Johnson's testimony, which was to come this week, is expected to center on the fact that no threats would have been made against the artifacts would have been made if the Johnsons had not tried to sneak them out of the village.

Lanche Warning

National Weather Service warns that danger will be high in Juneau on Tuesday. The weather service said temperatures and heavy rain will now cover above the 1,000 foot level.

Two Judges Named

By The Associated Press

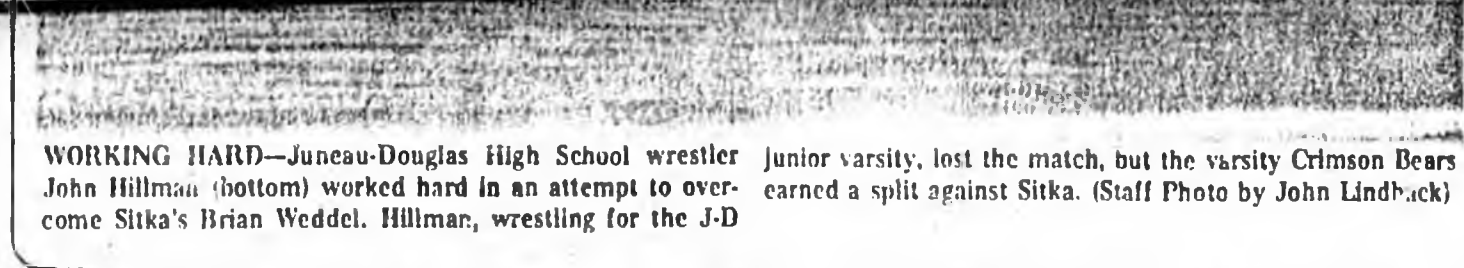
William Hanumond today picked a trial judge from Kodiak and a public defender from Ketchikan to fill two vacant judgeships in Juneau and Fairbanks.

Stouter, 35, of Kodiak was named to the court bench in Anchorage to fill a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge

C.J. O'Connell.

Stephen Cline, 35, of Ketchikan was appointed to a Fairbanks district court judgeship which had been authorized but never filled before.

Stouter has been in private practice in Kodiak since 1976, specializing in general trial, administrative, appellate and business law.



WORKING HARD—Juneau-Douglas High School wrestler John Hillman (bottom) worked hard in an attempt to overcome Sitka's Brian Weddel. Hillman, wrestling for the J-D Junior varsity, lost the match, but the varsity Crimson Bears earned a split against Sitka. (Staff Photo by John Lindback)

Jimmy Borg earned a big win over Jimmy Connors in a big tournament that's lacking tradition. The victory has earned Borg the temporary title of best male tennis player in the world.

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Constituent Criticizes Sen. Orsini

By DANA JONES

A resident of Anchorage Sen. Joe Orsini's district has charged the lawmaker overlooked him in favor of non-Alaskans when hiring his staff.

Ben Kalow Garber, a 22-year-old lifetime resident of Alaska, applied to work with Orsini in December, he said.

"I sent him my resume and talked with him (Orsini) on the phone in late December," Garber said. "He said he wasn't ready to make a decision on the job and that he was going out of town and I wouldn't see him again until the session started."

Orsini considered hiring Garber but decided on an individual with more experience, he said. Orsini denied Garber had applied for the position filled by Californian Steve Mizera.

"The position for which Garber applied (aide to the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee) I filled with a better qualified Alaskan," Orsini said. Mizera is administrative assistant to the Senate GOP caucus.

Ben Harding was hired for the post for which Garber applied, Orsini said.

"He (Harding) has a wealth of experience as a reporter," Orsini said. "He covered the local government in Fairbanks."

Garber is a 1977 graduate of the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in economics. He is unemployed.

Orsini did not consider Garber for the administrative assistant post, the senator said.

"I didn't think it would be very practical for a Democrat to be involved in the Republican caucus," Orsini said of Garber who has been active in the Democratic party, serving as a delegate to the Southcentral Democratic Convention last year.

Garber understands Orsini's reluctance to

hire him for the GOP caucus position but believes an Alaskan should have been hired for the slot, he said.

"By hiring out-of-state people he kind of showed us where his loyalties lie," Garber said. "They're not with his district and you'd question if they're with the state at all. If his input is from California his legislation is going to reflect California and not what his district wants."

Orsini agreed Mizera is not yet familiar with Alaska.

"Initially he is doing directed research only because obviously he doesn't have a feel for Alaskans yet," Orsini said. "He's not going to develop policy positions; that's my job."

Orsini has no idea of Harding's political affiliation and did not consider them in hiring the Fairbanks man, he added.

Harding most recently worked for the Organization for the Management of Alaska's Resources (OMAR) for one year in Anchorage.

In searching for assistants Orsini contacted the University of Alaska to see if any students were interested in the positions, he said. However, he chose to hire the Californian because he knew him and had confidence

in his ability, the senator said.

"There are probably Alaskans equally qualified but I didn't know of any," Orsini said. "I asked around in Anchorage but didn't find anyone. I wanted someone I had confidence in or one of the staff members had confidence in."

In addition to Mizera, Orsini hired Terri Ann Brest, a secretary from North Highlands, Calif., to work with the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee, which Orsini chairs.

He attempted to find an Alaskan for that post but was unable, he said.

"There's a real dearth of people in Anchorage who want to come down to Juneau just for the session," he said. "They have to give up full-time jobs."

Since arriving in Juneau, Orsini has been contacted by several secretaries looking for work, he said.

"I could give him a qualified secretary on a flash of notice," Garber said noting in his search for a legislative position he has met several attorneys who have taken secretarial posts just to get work with the Legislature.

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Recluse Dead After 24 Years

The city was a row boat, which he had hand made oars.

When Washington state he built his cabin in the Three Bays area of the Back Channel. He left "once, and occasionally," the Sentinel said. Except for an occasional package from a mail-order house, he had no mail.

Trappers Ralph and Mary Fenner said that Chisholm was in trouble last Christmas, when the old

Reasoning that possibly Chisholm had left the area for the Christmas holidays, the Fenners continued tending their trap lines in the area. After a week, they notified authorities, who on Jan. 17 found Chisholm's body in his sparsely furnished cabin.

"Literally all evidence indicates suicide," said District Court Judge Robin Taylor of Ketchikan, who was among the group to investigate the death. "From what we could tell

"it appears his entire activity was chopping wood," Taylor said.

Chisholm's life apparently was as simple as a man's could be. He kept his tiny 10-by-10-foot cabin neat, with the floor kept swept and the clothes washed and neatly folded. He slept on a handmade bunk. His heat was provided by a 50-gallon drum he had converted to a wood stove. Even the ax and saw he used to split wood were handmade, as were his two fishing

He returned to Washington state, where he worked for Weyerhaeuser for 12 years.

Then, suddenly, he left for Alaska without saying a word to any of his friends or relatives. He apparently settled in his Back Channel spot, where he built the small cabin on Forest Service land.

Though the legend was that visitors more often were welcomed with a view of the business end of a .22 rifle, many Wrangell resi-

Schaeffer Collapses

By The Associated Press

State Rep. Leo Schaeffer of Kotzebue was rushed to a hospital emergency room today after collapsing in a restaurant, a friend said.

Anchorage Daily News - 1/19/78



ALASKA digest

Compiled from Associated Press wires and staff reports

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JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

Jan. 7, 1977

Alaska Legislators
Juneau

Dear Legislator:

The 1977 edition of the Alaska State Blue Book will be published this spring and your biography is needed for it.

Attached is a copy of your biography as it appeared in the 1975 edition. Please review it, make any changes or corrections needed and return it by Jan. 20, 1977 to

Robert M. Burnett
Editor
Alaska State Blue Book
State Library
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Juneau

Thank you.

Joseph L. Orsini, Republican, Anchorage

Born May 18, 1939 in Staten Island, New York; established residence in Alaska in 1961; holds a BS degree from Princeton, BA degree in government from Sacramento State; MS degree in engineering management, University of Alaska; MBA in Quantitative Systems, U. of A., 1972; served with the U.S. Army 1961-64; currently employed as a planner with an Anchorage consulting firm; elected to the Alaska House of Representatives in 1972; to the Alaska Senate in 1974; is married, wife's name is Janice.

has one child.

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

January 20, 1977

SUBJECT: Handling of Committee Mail
TO: All Committee Staff Assistants
FROM: M. R. Charney, Director
Administrative Services *M.R.C.*

A question has come up with regard to the handling of Committee mail. The following is an excerpt from Legislator's Handbook - January 1977:

→ || "Outgoing Mail. Mail originating from committees should be placed in pickup baskets which are provided at designated places on each floor in each building occupied by the legislature. Postage for this mail is a responsibility of the State. This mail will be picked up twice a day by a mail clerk and taken to the mail room for processing. Only envelopes indicating a return address of a committee may be processed this way."

Please note that the State pays the postage for committee mail but unless all envelopes are clearly marked as committee mail, they will not be processed in this manner, and may be returned to sender.

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Alaska State Legislature

Senate

March 22, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO: All Committee Chairmen
SUBJECT: Committee and Hearing Announcements

Due to misinformation on the bulletin board and committee announcement sheets, the Secretary and Sgt. of Arms have instituted a new system for distributing information on hearings and meetings.

Hereafter, Kris in the Secretary's office at 3785, and Pam Senate Page at 4987 will be responsible for the "Senate Committee Daily Meetings" sheet and the blackboard, respectively.

In the Senate journal will appear announcements from the floor incorporated with weekly announcements received from committees.

Your cooperation by informing us of any changes in bills, time, cancellations, or errors will be greatly appreciated. Your suggestions and recommendations will be welcomed.

Peggy Mulligan
Senate Secretary

Ed Foster
Sgt. of Arms



JUNEAU, ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature
Senate

April 4, 1977

Memorandum to: Chairman, Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Subject: Governor's appointments

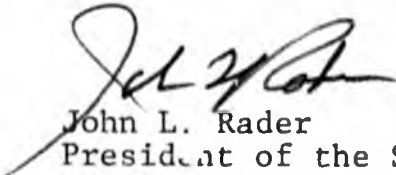
The following appointees are being referred to your committee for investigations or hearings:

ALASKA STATE ASSESSMENT REVIEW BOARD

John Cerutti, Anchorage no term

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

** Edward Hopson, Barrow, term expires 1/31/79


John L. Rader
President of the Senate

** Submitted for information only



JUNEAU, ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature
Senate

Senator Orseni

February 10, 1977

To: Chairman, Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Subject: Governor's Appointments

The following appointees have been referred to
your committee for your information:

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

*Sheila Gallagher Jones, Anchorage, term expiring January 1,
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MUNICIPAL BOND BANK BOARD

Jim Eide, Wrangell, term expiring July 15, 1978

John R. Rader
Senate President

*Reappointment

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COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

April 14, 1977

Re: Governor's
Appointments

The members of the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee have reviewed the following proposed gubernatorial appointments and find no objection to their confirmation.

John Cerutti, Alaska State Assessment Review Board

Edward Hopson, Local Boundary Commission

Sheila Gallagher Jones, Local Boundary Commission

Jim Eide, Municipal Bond Bank Board

Joe Orsini

Senator Orsini, Chairman

Senator Ferguson

Glenn Hackney

Senator Hackney

Bill Sumner

Senator Sumner

Ed Willis

Senator Willis