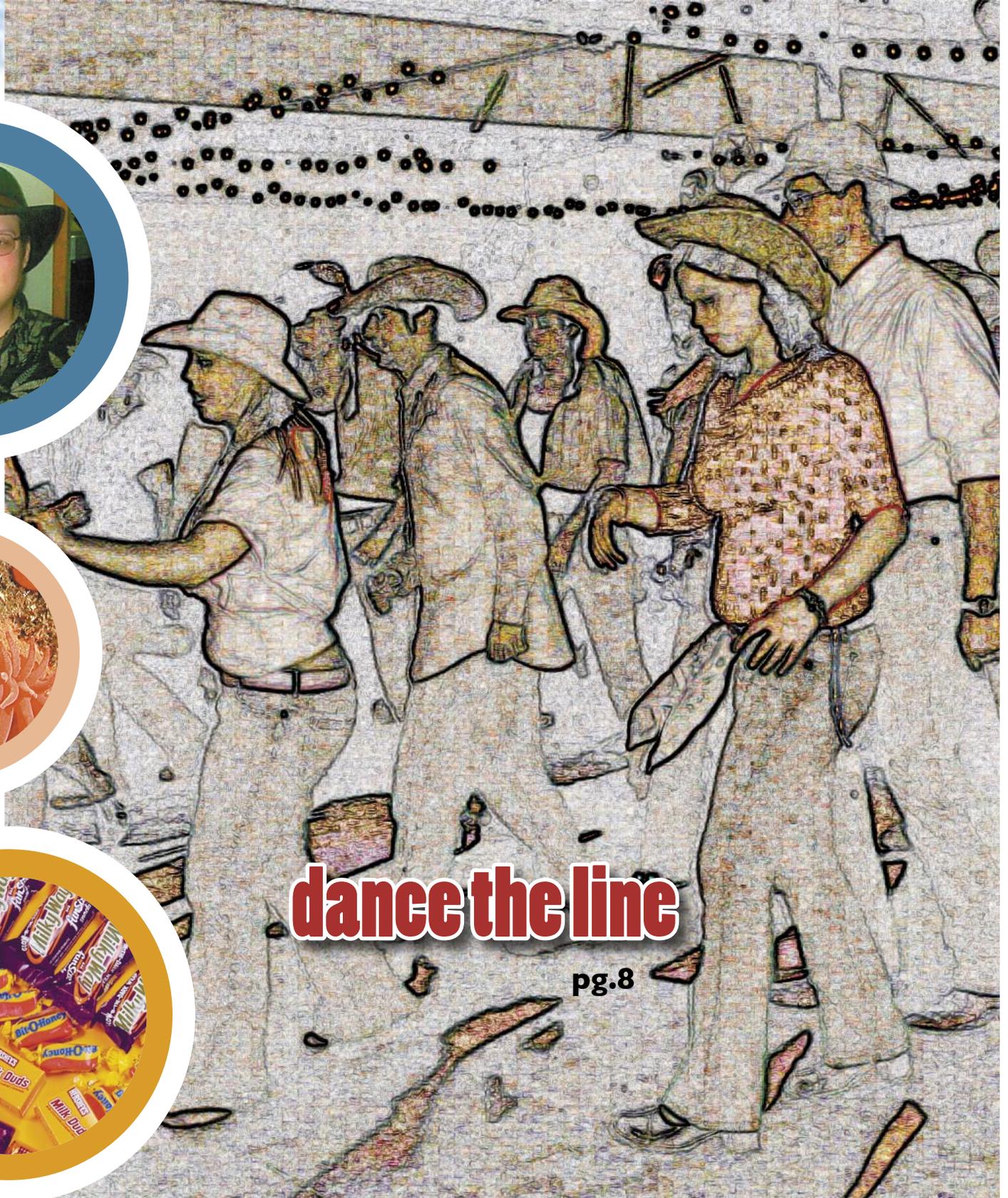


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Local bakery saves students from eating Thanksgiving pizza

By Thane Kelly
WHALESONG REPORTER

The Silverbow Bakery and Inn has a viable option for those of you who will not be going home for the holidays. Thanksgiving can be a bit daunting, especially if you are craving a homestyle Thanksgiving meal but are intimidated by the full-day ordeal of cooking. If this is the case, don't despair! Before you order a Thanksgiving pizza, consider getting a few friends together to chip in on a real Thanksgiving meal.

If you are one of those people who could burn cereal and don't want to slave all day over food, perhaps the Silverbow has an

answer to your problem. For the sixth consecutive year, the Silverbow is offering a full-blown Thanksgiving takeout meal complete with pies, bread, turkey, and four side dishes.

Boasting one of the largest ovens in Juneau, The Silverbow can fit 36 turkeys in its oven at one time. According to Jill Raniel, the owner of the Silverbow, they prepared 40 meals last year, cooking the turkeys in two rotations. This year, they are trying to keep it simple, and capping the number of available meals at 36.

According to Jill, the food is "so homestyle, that it really is like you could take it out of our

foil packs and put it in your own casserole dishes, and people will think that you cooked all day for them". This, Jill explains, is because all of the food is made from scratch, with nothing coming out of a can.

The meals will feed 8 to 12 people for \$134, which comes out to about \$10 to \$20 a person. Also, you are left with a few extra days worth of leftovers, which is one of the best parts about Thanksgiving. So, don't spend Thanksgiving alone with a crummy pizza and cheap warm beer. Round up the rest of your lonely friends who can't cook, and invest in something more substantial. 

Sledding hills abound for thrill seekers

By Thane Kelly
WHALESONG REPORTER

Winter is upon us, and although there is only a measly half inch of crusty snow on the ground right now, Juneau will soon be transformed into a cushioned landscape of adventure. Now, I don't really care about skiing or snowboarding. Sure, they're great and all, but it seems that most people have completely forgotten about the most versatile and affordable winter sport: sledding. I know what you're going to say. Sledding is for stupid diaper babies, and it's boring, etc. Well, perhaps you just haven't found the right spot.

In order to educate you all, I would like to offer a few choice sledding locations around Juneau, as well as a rating of possible sledding equipment. Let's contrast a few locations, shall we?

A few reliably safe locations are Floyd Dryden Middle School, which has a modest sized sledding hill, with a mild slope on the front, and a steep backside leading directly into heavily treed woods. This hill is used quite frequently by children and adults alike. As a byproduct, the snow is usually pretty well-packed, and always has a few jumps which are constructed on the steeper sides. There are lights on during the night and it is very accessible, making it a good place to start.

Another reliable spot is Mendenhall Glacier. There are a few sand hills to the left of the parking lot, similar to Floyd Dryden. However, for those who wish to live dangerously, there are a number of steep shale slopes off the beaten path. These can be quite fun, but also extremely dangerous, often with sizeable drop-offs. Jagged

stumps hide in the snow.

Another good valley location is Engineer's Cutoff, a road by the University, which is usually blocked off when it gets too icy. The road is extremely steep, and it is imperative to check that the road is, indeed, closed before sledding, for obvious reasons.

My personal favorite, however, is Salmon Creek, which is directly across the highway from the Juneau Empire, as you head towards town. Not many people use it in the wintertime, and many Juneau residents have never hiked it at all. This is partly due to its somewhat hidden location. The trail leads up to the Salmon Creek Reservoir, and from the road, appears to be a gated off trail, nestled behind some large electrical transformers and a few buildings.

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Giving thanks

What's Thanksgiving without turkey, pie... and thanks? Valley Chapel invites everyone to a community wide praise and worship Thanksgiving Day service Nov. 25, 10 a.m. Valley Chapel is located at 9741 Mendenhall Loop Road, north of campus.

Send holiday cheer cards with pizzaz

Whalesong staff

Get a jump-start on your holiday card making in this fun, hands-on class for kids and adults. Sign up for one of two sessions on Saturday, November 20, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. or 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Instructor Noelle Dersé will demonstrate techniques such as layering, punching, outlining, raising, and more to create personalized, fun, artistic greetings for the holidays. You'll leave with several cards and tags and lots of great ideas for future projects.

For ages 8 and older. Pre-registration and pre-payment required.

The Juneau-Douglas City Museum is located at 4th and Main Street and is a program of the Juneau Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 586-3572.

Run, run, run as fast as you can to gingerbread party

Whalesong staff

All the sweet decorations, frosting, gingerbread and you need to create a holiday house will be provided to the first 30 people who sign up for this tasty event at the SAC. The decorating event is open to UAS students, staff and their family members.

The decked-out cookie abodes will be on display at the chancellor's holiday party. If party goers can

resist their sweet tooth, the decorators will get their creations back. Call the SAC at 465-1219.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

November

- 19: Friday, Party with BCM at the SAC, 7 p.m.
- 20: Saturday, Native American Month Dinner and Movie, SAC, 4 p.m.
- 20: Saturday, Talent Show, SAC, 9 p.m.
- 22nd, Monday; Monday Night Football, SAC 5 p.m.

- 23rd, Tuesday, Turkey Bowl Mourant, paved Courtyard 12:30 p.m.
- 24: Wednesday, Last Day to Withdraw from Classes
- 25th 26th; Thanksgiving Holiday-Campus Closed
- 29: Monday; Monday Night Football, SAC 5 p.m.

December

- 1st, Wednesday, Ice Cream Social, Mourant Café, 3 p.m.
- 3rd, Friday, Party with BCM at the SAC, 7 p.m.
- 4: Ginger Bread Family Event, SAC noon
- 4: Poetry Coffee House, SAC 8 p.m.

- 5: Sunday; Holiday Sing, Noyes Pavilion, 4 p.m.
- 5: Sunday; UAS Bowling Night, Channel Bowl, 9 p.m.
- 6th Start of Week Activities
- 6: Monday; Monday Night Football, SAC 5 p.m.
- 10: Friday; Holiday Dance, SAC 9 p.m.

Campus Poll

By Sandra Galeana
WHALESONG REPORTER

What do you plan to do over Thanksgiving Break?



Marie Kirkman

I plan to relax with friends, spend some time writing, do homework, and paint.

Alex Goese-Goble

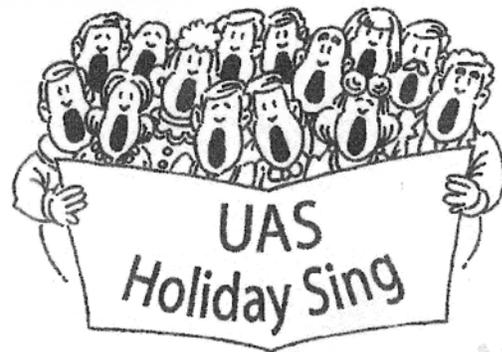
Depends on how my family feels.

Traci Burnette

I am going to sit and do absolutely nothing while my husband cooks.

Kaitline Kreuzenstein

I'm spending time with my family.



Annual Holiday Sing

at the UAS Noyes Outdoor Pavillion, Auke Lake Campus

Sunday, December 5, 4:00 PM

Join UAS students, faculty and staff as we sing holiday songs and enjoy the inspiring view from the UAS Noyes Pavillion.

Hot cocoa, cider and cookies will be served.

It's free, but dress warmly!



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OPINION

Making waves

Student avoids post election blues

By Ryan Sotomayor

OPINION

If you're as depressed as I am about the election, and I'm not saying that you are, I wouldn't want to put words in your mouth. But in case you are, I have a list of possible alleviations for post-partum Black Wednesday blues. (As my pal Danny calls it)

There is a wonderful poem by Ginger Andrews, an obscure and unknown poet from Oregon, (I don't even know how I know about her), who wrote a poem about 'mulleygrubs,' which I take to be some sort of funk you get into without really knowing how or why. The poem is called "The Cure," from Hurricane Sister, and can be viewed at writersalmanac.publicradio.org/docs/03_08_18.htm.

The Cure

Lying around all day

*with some strange new deep blue
weekend funk, I'm not really asleep
when my sister calls*

to say she's just hung up

*from talking with Aunt Bertha
who is 89 and ill but managing
to take care of Uncle Frank
who is completely bed ridden.*

Aunt Bert says

*it's snowing there in Arkansas,
on Catfish Lane, and she hasn't been
able to walk out to their mailbox.*

She's been suffering

from a bad case of the mulleygrubs.

*The cure for the mulleygrubs,
she tells my sister,*

is to get up and bake a cake.

If that doesn't do it, put on a red dress.

So there are two cures right there. Bake a cake. If that doesn't do it, put on a red dress, or your favorite pair of socks. I'm wearing my pink Blondie socks as I write this. Or if you don't like this poem, write a better one.

Finding a new hobby is also a good way not to think about things too much. My recommendation is something like knitting or crocheting, because it's relatively inexpensive and if you start now you

could have mittens, scarves and potholders for all of your friends and family by the time the holidays roll around.

It is important that you keep extremely busy in times of the Black Wednesday blues. So, get out all of your old, holey socks and sew the toes back together. UAS student Peter Chordas recommends dental floss as thread for its durability, practicality and shelf life. It also comes in an array of colors. That stuff will last longer than Twinkies, and by that I mean a really, really long time.

Brushing your teeth and doing your homework are also important. Not only will the action keep your hands busy and your mind focused on other things, but proper dental care and homework are staples of your existence as a college student and should be taken very seriously. No, for real, I mean it. Plus, it will make your mother proud of you.

Avoiding reminders of the election will also help. So, you'll have to stop watching television. Except for South Park, silly, no one will blame you for watching that, obviously. You will also have to quit wasting time on the Internet and listening to the radio, except for Michael Savage, who makes Rush Limbaugh seem as Moderate at John Kerry, because that guy is hilarious.

You will also need to start an exercise regime. Pushups, sit-ups, pull-ups and abdominal crunches are going to be your new best friends. Maybe you can join a hockey squad. If you don't play hockey maybe you can form your own chapter of People in Thongs Performing the Plays of George Bernard Shaw on Rollerblades. But do this healthily and rationally, we don't want you turning into a loony Travis Bickel-type. He's the Robert DeNiro character in *Taxi Driver*).

If you are so inclined, you should become vegan, straight edge and a raw-foodist. This will take up so much energy that you won't even have time think about anything else. And, hey, you'll be the life of whatever party you're a part of because everyone likes to be preached to about what to put into their bodies and you'll have the experience for it.

By this time next year, if you get hit by a truck, and I'm not saying you have or will. I don't want

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to put actions into your mouth. But if you do get hit by a truck, like you did this Halloween, or didn't, whatever the case may be, you'll be so strong and resourceful we'll hardly recognize you.

And you probably won't remember the election at all or who the president is, because you'll be in Sweden with free health care and education.

You will have become a model of shiny mental, physical and emotional well-being. And you probably won't remember the election at all or who the president is, because you'll be in Sweden with free health care and education. Though you will have to watch out for depression, alcoholism and angst-filled youth.

Because we don't have those things in America to be depressed about, and we have lovely people like Ginger Andrews who write poems. Poems which are, in fact, quite good. 

White House of Death

John S. Sonin
OPINION POETRY

*An Advancing Disaster,
Bewitching, Brutal Abyss. With
Conniving Corruption in a
Deceptive Dance Parlay.
Everyone Evasive,
Fake Faculties Favored and
Graceless Gratuities owed.
Holding Hypocritical
Hallelujahs,
"Indeed It's Insane."
Jingoistic gerrymandering that
Kills Conscientiousness by
Letting Losers Lie Lame.
Making Methods—Black
Magic—
No Natural way for they,
instead
Opining Opulence with
Privatized Purpose,
Quote, Acclaimed.
Rude Rascals
Seemingly Sane though
Tempestuously Tainted of
Ugly gains.
Vicious Vandals
Without Wisdom to claim
Xylophonic Xenophobia
bellowing for
Zephyr Zones in a Zombie way.*

**Student combats boredom while working at desk job**

By Nikki Hughes
WHALESONG REPORTER

Never show the lifelessness in your eyes, let them know every task they give you will only make you stronger. Pretty soon the boredom will dissipate into a still glass stare and you can take anything. You are a strong paper-eating machine with the energy of 10 Xerox machines.

Never own a coffee mug that says, "I love you Auntie Glory," with your nephew's mug shot on the side. Those booths at malls are reserved for the people who need their faces plastered into a digitally enhanced most wanted poster.

People in offices love shoulder pads so you know they still love the 80s.

Never listen to Journey except when plagued with hopeless feelings that you are trapped in a hopeless situation. Something about cheesy lyrics topped by extraordinary guitar rifts makes you laugh. I play air guitar at work to the tunes of Journey. Air guitar keeps it real, real funky fresh that is. I made some moves that only Axil Rose could imitate; don't be jealous; you know that's how crazy good I am at the air-guitar. Play that

GEETARR ya'all.

Adding to that thought never listen to Sting EVER. I call him Stink.

Always give people anonymous tips that their wardrobe couldn't be more 80s. I say things like "you know, only YOU and Debbie Gibson herself could pull off that outfit." They love these sorts of compliments, and I am the most popular person in the office.

People in offices love shoulder pads so you know they still love the 80s. So go ahead and tell them how you feel about their outfit but make it subtle. For instance, when I say things like "you go, Tina Turner," I really mean, "Wow your hair looks like you killed a Pomeranian and stuck it on your head, or perhaps you just dropped the phone into your bathtub; either way Tina Turner wore some bitchin' wigs, and you my friend look like her back-up singer."

Hmmm... that is all the bitchy and sarcastic remarks I have about my job today. Hope you understand that I love to make light of this situation because it is hilarious. I could put a camera in here and it would be a TV show about the lives of people who have no lives. No one would watch because it would be terribly boring, but it's all in good humor. This is Nikki reporting live from Dull Headquarters. Kisses and hugs from the love above. 

Opinion pieces

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CAMPUS LIFE

Staying afloat

'I Heart Huckabees' has hysteria, humor

By Ryan Sotomayor
WHALESONG REPORTER

Normally, the phrase existential comedy makes me press my fingers deep into my ears and start humming "Pop songs your new boyfriend's too stupid to know about," by Tullycraft. But the film *I Heart Huckabees* beams with playful energy and a story that dizzies up the screen like the Goo Goo Dolls might dizzy up a girl.

The film begins with Albert Markovski (Jason Schwartzman's best role since *Rushmore*), an earnest environmentalist and idealistic poet, who saves a rock in a marsh from certain death. Plagued by his feelings of inadequacy and fascinated by the coincidences he sees in his life, he enlists the help of two existential detectives: Bernard and Vivian Jaffe played by Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin, respectively. Their job is to discover the "existential dilemma" that Albert is having and instruct him in ways to come to grips with such dilemma.

Hysteria and humor ensue as Markovski is ousted from his environmental collective by corporate pretty boy Brad Stand (Jude Law.) He is then befriended by his "other" Tommy Corn, a bicycle riding, worried about oil wars fought overseas firefighter (Marky Mark, or Mark Wahlberg, as he's now known, acts superbly.) He is also seduced by the enemy of the existential detectives: Catherine Vauban (played intelligently and

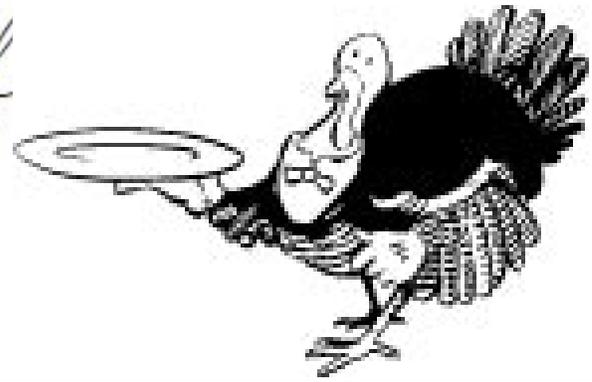
sensually by the lovely Isabelle Huppert.)

The script isn't your run of the Hollywood mill coming of age romantic comedy. It's also not a typical "philosophical" art school dropout film either. It's brilliantly written and directed by David O. Russell who has brought films into existence such as: *Spanking the Monkey*, *Flirting with Disaster* and *Three Kings*.

The film's score captivates and enhances, but never distracts from the action, as Jon Brion has become known for. His other magic melodies can be heard in *Punchdrunk Love*, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* and *Magnolia*.

Hoffman and Tomlin have hysterically great chemistry on screen as a couple and are completely convincing as existential detectives. Huppert is beautiful and complex as an angelic villain and Schwartzman and Wahlberg look like they've been best friends since the third grade. No keys to the universe are solved in the film, but it is fun. Like the conclusion to *Sullivan's Travels*, the wonderful Preston Sturges comedy, one of the purposes of this film, and hopefully a good deal of films to come, is to make people laugh and smile. This film does that in abundance.

When it comes to Juneau, make time to go see it and smile. And laugh. Laugh! Smile! Laugh! Smile! But only if you want to. 



Boy must decide who to visit for Turkey day

Hello, my name is Miss Informed and my partner is Mr. E. He and I will be doing this advice column so that an inquirer will get two viewpoints, one from a female and one from a male. Please realize what is said in these columns are only suggestions and for entertainment only. The inquirer must decide to use the advice using his/her own judgment.

Miss Informed and Mr. E.

Dear Miss Informed and Mr. E,

Hopefully you can make this simple for me. My parents want me to spend Thanksgiving with them, but my girlfriend wants me to spend Thanksgiving with her family who live on the East Coast. Who should I spend Thanksgiving with?

Signed,
Mashed Potatoes

Dear Mashed Potatoes,

Well if you had a cloning machine I would suggest that you make a copy of yourself and go to both places. However, since that is not part of household machines yet I would have to say go to both anyway. Explain to your parents that you will have dinner with your girlfriend's family on Thanksgiving and then you will have dinner with them the day after. That way you spend time with both families. Your parents will understand and will be glad to know that you will

still spend time with them on Thanksgiving weekend. True this may take some money out of your pocket for that extra plane ticket but your parents are worth it. Good luck and Happy Thanksgiving.

Signed,
Miss Informed

Yo Mashed Potatoes,

Man, I totally understand your concerns. You love your family but want to please the lady as well. First off, rent yourself a copy of "Meet the Parents" and then tell me you still want to meet her parents. I say if her parents footing the bill go spend the holiday with your girl! If you're expected to PAY to hang out with your potential future in-laws, man, just don't do it... seriously. Don't forget to visit mom and dad though. Maybe arrange a leftovers night on the way back. Me? Family get-togethers just plain scare me.

- Mr. E

Armadillos are a comin’

Shana Crondahl

WHALESONG REPORTER

Humboldt Squid in Alaska? What’s next, armadillos?

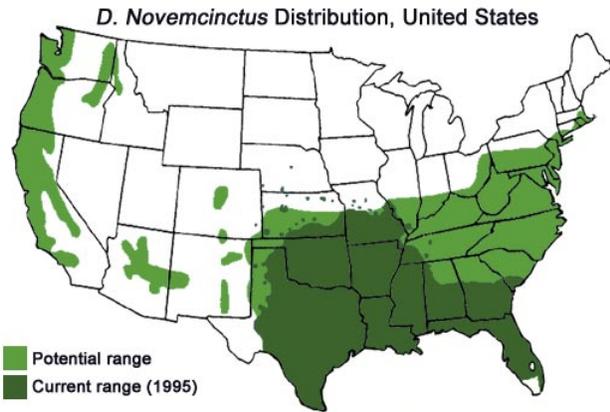
Well, actually, someday there may be armadillos in Alaska. But they probably won’t make it much farther north than the southeast panhandle.

The nine-banded armadillos’ range expands a little farther north every year. In their report, “Recent range expansion and distributional limits of the nine-banded armadillo (*Dasypus novemcinctus*) in the United States,” James F. Taulman and Lynn W. Robbins have estimated that its potential range could reach from Nebraska, through New York, and into Cape Cod,

Massachusetts.”

The nine-banded armadillo can establish stable colonies in environments in which there is a constant source of water and where average January temperatures do not fall below 28 degrees Fahrenheit. Given those figures and the estimated potential range of the armadillo, one might assume that the nine-banded armadillo could potentially survive in southeast Alaska.

However, the nine-banded armadillo does not yet occur west of the Rocky Mountains, a barrier which would have to be crossed in order for it to reach southeast Alaska. 



Gobble it up quiz

By Sandra Galeana

1)What animal do Americans traditionally eat on Thanksgiving?

- a. Turkey
- b. Pig
- c. Cow

2)What percentage of Americans purchase a frozen Turkey for Thanksgiving?

- a. 89%
- b. 79%
- c. 69%

3)What state has the largest per acre population of Turkeys?

- a. Oklahoma
- b. Alabama
- c. Arkansas

4)How many feathers does an average turkey at maturity have?

- a. 3,500
- b. 3,400
- c. 3,300

5)Which turkey gobbles?

- a. Hen turkeys
- b. Tom turkeys
- c. They both gobble

6)What was the first meal eaten by Neil Armstrong and Edwin ‘Buzz’ Aldrin on the moon?

- a. Ham
- b. Yams
- c. Turkey

7) What percentage of Americans eat a turkey on

Thanksgiving?

- a. 95%
- b. 90%
- c. 85%

8)What does the National Turkey Federation NTF give the President on Thanksgiving?

- a. A live Turkey
- b. Two dressed Turkeys
- c. A & B

9)What is the top way an average person will eat their leftover turkey?

- a. Soup
- b. Sandwich
- c. Salad

10)What year did Thanksgiving supposedly happen in?

- a. 1619 or 1621
- b. 1618 or 1620
- c. 1617 or 1619

Answers:

- 1) a 2) c 3) b 4) a
- 5) b 6) c 7) a 8) c
- 9) b 10) a

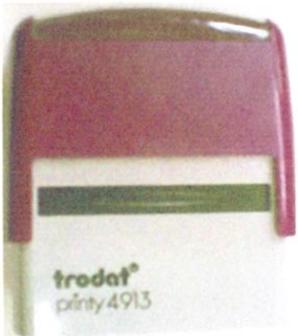
10 right – You are a Hen. Because girl Turkeys are always the smartest! IQ perfect 10!

8-9 right – You are a Tom. Not as smart as a Hen but smart enough to have a nice IQ.

6-7 right – You are a baby Turkey. You may not be that bright, but hey having a small IQ is better then not having one at all. Besides you can get smarter through years of experience.

0-5 right – Yeah, there is no helping you. I fear your IQ is that of a turkey’s—non-existent.

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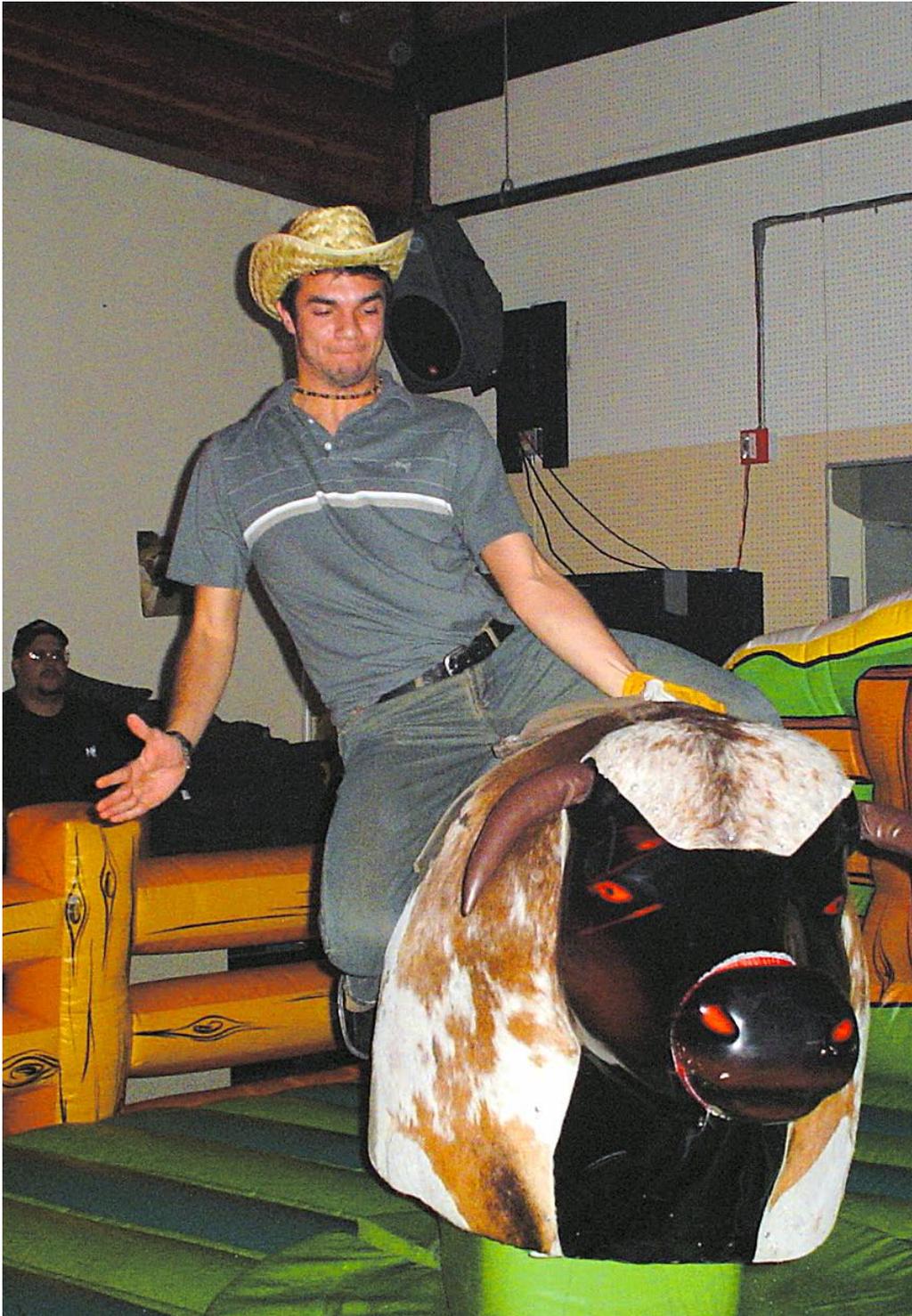
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NON-HOMECOMING DANCE

October 23, 2004

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Eldon Walker, left, and Marky Kotyk, top right, won the mechanical bull contest. They stayed on the longest.



Richard Carrillo concentrates to stay on the bull as long as he can.



The Non-Homecoming Dance included line dancing instruction and competition.



Abby O'Brian was the last person to be standing in the line dance contest.

Winter diving enthusiast finds clearer water

Shana Crondahl

WHALESONG REPORTER

This may be a well-kept secret, known mostly only to divers, but winter is the best time for diving in Alaska. This is because the visibility in the ocean is usually better in the winter than it is in the summer, said Larry Musarra, a local dive enthusiast. Visibility during the warmer months can be affected by plankton blooms and by snow melt and rainfall runoff, which increase suspended sediments in the water column. All these factors are lessened during the winter when temperatures are cooler and there is less rainfall.

A common prerequisite for winter dives is that they must be accessible to the road system, meaning a dive off a beach or a dock, because many divers take their boats out of the water for the winter. Musarra says another benefit to winter diving is that divers don't have the potential danger of getting knocked in the head by a cruise ship if they're diving off the lightering dock downtown, a popular spot for picking through the detritus of civilization.

All sorts of relics end up in the water near the docks – including dishes, jewelry, and of course, plain, old garbage. Musarra once found an out-of-state driver's license near the downtown library while diving off the lightering dock. He mailed it back to the owner, using the address listed on the license. In Oct. 2001, a diver found a five-inch section of a human skull in the same area.

One of Musarra's favorite places to dive is a naturally occurring underwater wall in Auke Bay that can be accessed from the end of Ann Coleman

Drive, off Fritz Cove Road. There is a public beach access very near the road and so it is easy for divers to get their gear to the water.

Musarra said any place where there are a lot of rocks and crevices, there will be a lot of wildlife and great photography opportunities. This underwater wall is one of those types of habitats. The wall goes down 200-300 ft. He has seen nudibranchs, sea stars, decorator crabs, segmented worms, eels, anemones, rock scallops, octopus, sea urchins, white and pink corals, and tube sponges there. The decorator crabs are camouflaged, and a diver can be looking at the wall and not seeing anything, until all of a sudden the wall appears to be moving.

Another favorite haunt of divers is Auke Rec. Musarra said that though Auke Rec has a relatively flat, sandy bottom and can seem sterile at times, at other times it is teeming with life. During the winter the bottom is sometimes crawling with king and dungeness crab,



PHOTO COURTESY/Alice Edwards

which migrate into the cove to mate. On a recent dive, Musarra witnessed what he described as a solid wall of king crab.

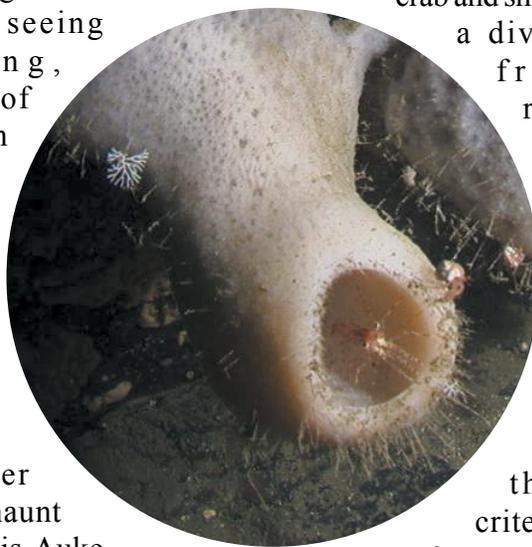
One benefit of diving is being able to collect edibles, such as crab and shellfish, during a dive. Musarra frequently returns home with crab, though not always, because it is sometimes difficult to find specimens that fit the criteria required for allowable harvesting. Musarra also warned against taking very many scallops while diving from the road system, because the scallop beds could easily be decimated in such accessible areas as those connected to the road system.

An additional attraction to divers at Auke Rec is the new artificial reef established in the cove. The artificial reef is comprised of two motor-sailor vessels that were recently sunk, and the reef is a designated city park. Musarra warned that the artificial reef is not currently marked by a buoy, but that divers hope to replace the missing buoy soon. The artificial reef is on the north side of Auke Rec. Divers will find that the town side of Auke Rec has deeper water.

Another interesting roadside dive is Sunshine Cove and just south of Sunshine Cove. In Sunshine Cove divers will find a really pretty sea pen garden full of feathery white and pink sea pens of about a foot in length. Just south of Sunshine Cove one can find dungeness crab and a rare type of nudibranch about the size of a football.

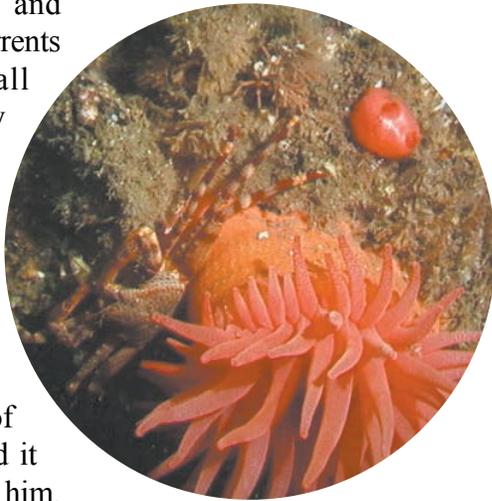
On any dive, the wildlife is always an attraction. On one dive on the underwater wall near Ann Coleman Drive, an octopus reached out and snatched the camera lens cap from a diver and absconded with it. Musarra said that though he has returned several times to the scene of the crime, the lens cap has never been recovered.

During another dive, his



partner kept poking him, and at one point, the ocean currents pulled him from the wall he was exploring. Every time he turned around to see why his dive partner kept poking at him, she would point to some indiscernible thing, and he couldn't understand why she kept poking him. It was not until the end of the dive that he discovered it was a sea lion playing with him, poking him and pulling him from the wall, and not his partner or the ocean currents at all.

Musarra was enthusiastic about experiences he has had while diving during the winter.



He emphasized there are some really great dives accessible to the road system and the great photography opportunities available to divers. 🐬

Sledding, from pg. 2

The trail is a great hike in the summer, but offers the best sledding venue in Juneau during the winter. The path winds up the hill, turning left and right as it gains in elevation. Because of this, there are three separate levels to sled from. If you are willing to walk to the third level, which takes about 10 minutes, you will be aptly rewarded with an extremely long sledding hill.

The only real danger is the steep slope on the side of the trail facing the hospital. Luckily, the trail is wide enough to keep a safe distance. If not, at least the hospital is

downside is, they can pop, which is a real bummer if you are not finished sledding. It is advisable to keep a few rubber patches handy.

Hard plastic sleds

Hard plastic sleds are the easiest to obtain. Nearly all store-bought sleds are hard plastic, and they come in a variety of shapes and sizes. These types offer a hard, slick surface, which will protect you from sharp stumps and things, and are lightweight and easy to carry. The downside is, they tend to crack, and will not protect your rump from large jumps.

Toboggans

Toboggans, which are typically wood, sometimes have metal runners on the bottom. These offer the smoothest and fastest ride, but are also quite dangerous, and heavy, not to mention expensive.

Other

These includes anything from those cheap blue roll-up plastic strips, to black plastic garbage bags, to slick rain pants. The upside is, they are extremely cheap and lightweight. The downside is, they offer no protection whatsoever, and will generally not work in powder.

close by. Of course, if you are willing to pay, and make the drive to Douglas, Eaglecrest has the most well-maintained sledding hill, and is also quite fun.

Now I would like to address the second key factor in an enjoyable sled: the apparatus. For simplicity, I have divided the sleds into four categories. They are: inner tubes, hard plastic sleds, toboggans, and other.

Inner tubes

My favorite sled is an old tractor inner tube, which I got from a friend for five dollars. It can hold up to three people at a time, and tends to cushion any large bumps. The

There you have it. The choices have been laid out in front of you. For those of you who are too cheap to ski or snowboard, I suggest you look to your past for an equally enjoyable winter sport. 🐬

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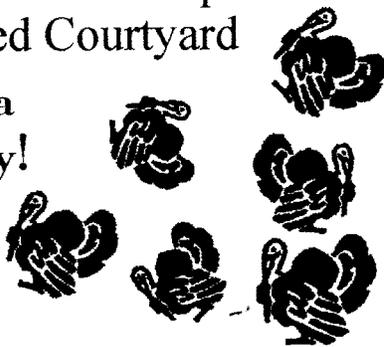
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from the Whalesong



Philosopher Kyle Wark examines the notion of me

By Kyle Wark

OPINION

There is an interesting notion buried in the thought that we are not alone in the universe. That there is other intelligent life out there in outer space. But the notion I'm talking about hits far closer to home than you currently suspect.

Looking around, I see much that is not me, and only a tiny fraction of the world is really me. Let us look at this idea: Me.

We say this hand is mine, because I control it. These senses are mine because I command them, as these thoughts and imaginings are also mine, because I am their sole author. Right?

That may be what we say, and even be how we think. But is it necessarily correct? What might the implications point to, either way: If that notion were correct or incorrect?

First, consider this sole authorship, which we typically apply to our action, and which spurs people to either side of the free will debate. On the one hand, I say, I move my hand, and I may pretend gravity, and atomic forces, are subject to my command, and I apply this formula to all areas of my life: I cause my actions to occur, independently of, and sometimes at odds with, the laws of physics. And I would say this type of thing only if I believed in free will. On the other hand, if I did not believe in free will, then I might say, I do not move my hand, or cause anything to happen, but this dance is only the playing out of events set in motion at the dawn of time, over which I have no more control than a mote of dust has over the course of a tornado. Whether I

believe events are dictated by physical laws, cosmic fate, or religious authority: It all leads to this same position.

We may, of course, adopt a middle position, that contains part of both extremes, and a little that is its own; and for the course of this article, it is assumed that this middle way is the closest to the truth. We will explain its position in more detail, in one moment, but for the present, let us return to the idea of command, itself.

We say my body and my mind are under my command. What do we mean by that? When I slip and fall, gravity and not my will causes me to fall. If my will had anything to say about it, it would seem more likely that I would fly than that I would fall! Even so, in this same vein, when I hold my hand up to a fire, the radiation of the heat warms my hand, and when I pull it away, the action of entropy causes it to cool, both in a far greater degree than my will is capable of. So, too, another may take my hand, and pull it, and move it, against my will, or at least, independently of what I will. What of this independence of the suffering of my body to changes in position, and condition? That is to ask, if I am in sole command of my body and mind, then why are they affected independently of what I desire?

In short, we come up face to face with the parameters of my question, how far does the 'I' extend? What is the nature and the extent of this idea: Me? Or, if I do not ask, Who, then at least, I ask, What am I?

We have made our way to the idea of an intelligent life form. We cannot yet say, in general, what an intelligent life form is,

but let us attempt to defend the argument that human beings are, in part, if not in full, a type of intelligent life.

We have not, entirely, defined the limitations of the human mind; and they do not completely match up to the limitations of the human body. So let us do so now, as we must, before we answer my last series of questions.

The mind is above all an organizer. It acts to sort and interpret information, to process it, and use it to manufacture conclusions. But, above and beyond its purely clerical role, it also occupies the administrative authority in the human being. Not all of this authority rests in the hands of the individual human themselves. Much remains reflexive and even instinctive.

Most of the mind is more complicated than we have time to cover here. Suffice it then to describe it, briefly, as follows.

The senses draw in information from the world around us, and self-reflection does much the same for what I will dub the inner space of the world of our perceptions, both of tangible and intangible things. Perceptions give meaning to our senses, and of our experiences, they are most plentifully arrayed in our memories.

What we sense: Specific colors, sounds, smells, are typically beyond our control outside of some superficial arrangement. That is to say: We may paint a picture, or arrange flowers, or cook food, but we cannot change, at a fundamental level, how things look, or smell, or taste. Red is always red, cold is cold, hot is hot.

What power we have in this regard is in assigning meaning to

these experiences. It is precisely in our ability to form and manage perceptions, and to use these meaningful interpretations to influence our actions and reactions, that makes human beings, in part, intelligent. We are, still, predominantly animal, and driven by sense and reflex. But, we are capable of reflection, and prediction, and it is these capacities that make us reasonable.

Not, then, because I am sole commander of my body and mind, but because I can reflect on my experiences, and respond to them intelligently, that I am able to rise above the limitations of my body and mind, to consider myself, at least partially, free to will. In respect, then, not of my body or my mind, but in this capacity to will, am I fully human. I, therefore, am neither my body, nor my mind, but I am an intelligence, which inhabits a body and a mind, and observes these two most closely in all the world. But, they are not really, me, and they are not really, mine.

Out there, then in outer space, outside the world of my perceptions, in the raw world beyond all that has meaning to me, but inhabiting that vast sea of resources out of which flows all that I consider meaningful, reside other intelligences, much like me.

By observing their outer aspect, their sensible bodies, and even their less well perceived minds, we do not really observe the entire person, but only a part of the whole. Not knowing these other people, and perhaps never being able to know them, gives human life an air of mystery that leads both to our greatest joy, and our deepest sorrow. 

Juneau night life abounds

John S. Sonin
WHALESONG REPORTER

As the darkness grows and more students ignore a necessary increase in studying for finals, students may be interested in the many opportunities Juneau affords for nightlife.

The truly dedicated pursuers of the party have likely visited the local watering-hole, Squire's, especially on Wet Wednesday. The bar is located at 11806 Glacier Highway, up the road from DeHart's. It's right above the Thai Restaurant and next door to the SAC. As secluded as Juneau is, there's a heck of a lot more just within a 15-mile radius. Here are other places to check out.

The adventurous type may want to hike back towards town on Egan just past Job Services. Others can drive or take a cab. Before crossing the mighty Mendenhall River you'll pass Industrial Boulevard. Turning right or going southwest, it's a very short distance to the Sandbar Grill. Here at 2525 Industrial Boulevard you'll find food and spirits accompanying the jovial atmosphere of a non-competitive highway rest stop.

Once you've come this far towards the city, it's only a little further down Egan to the Mendenhall Mall. The Mall is anchored by two taverns, G.W. Teals at its north end and Henry's on the south at 9109 Mendenhall Mall Road. Both establishments provide victuals, pool tables, pull tabs and television for those needing distraction from the spirit inspired and often spirited conversation.

Once you've made the hike to the Mendenhall Mall, you're just a hop-and-skip across Egan to some festive locations on the

Glacier Highway strip. There's Pasta Garden in the Frontier Suites Hotel at 9400 Glacier Avenue with its exquisite Mexican, Filipino/American cuisine throughout the day accompanied by libations at night.

The Garden is also just down the road from Marlintoni's at 9121 Glacier Highway. This place has always been a student favorite with its food, pool tables and televisions that are usually attuned to current sports dramas. Enjoy the live music, boxing, mechanical bull riding or karaoke on designated evenings. This list of Glacier-strip hot-spots is not meant to be definitive by any means, so feel free to roam just be sure to dress for the weather.

Once you've ventured as far as the Strip in your search for fun in the dark, you may want to check out the Juneau Airport bar and restaurant. Because the pub and restaurant serves an international clientele as well as the local jet set. Travelers acclaim it for its dining excellence, and there's always an interesting character to encounter. Once you've made it this far, it's a relatively inexpensive cab fare to all the nightlife downtown or over the bridge in Douglas.

Just after your cab passes Hospital Dr. and curves around Aurora Harbor on its way into town, you'll see the Breakwater Inn at the Highland Ave. exit. Its restaurant and bar perches on the second floor at 1711 Glacier Ave. Here you may wonder, while looking out the panoramic views of Gastineau Channel, the harbor and Douglas Island, what amenities partying people have

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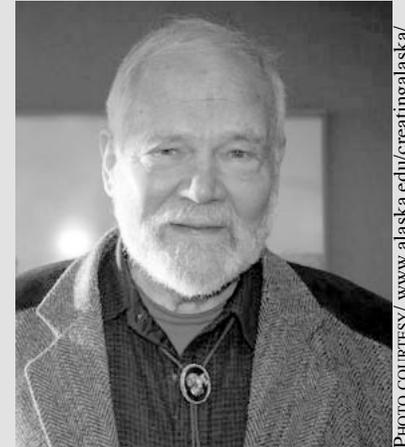
Suspicious man ruffles security in Anchorage

Shana Crondahl
WHALESONG REPORTER

On Nov. 8, Travel Security Administration was on their toes when a suspicious-looking gentleman tried to walk through security on his way to boarding Alaska Airlines flight 91 from Juneau to Anchorage. The TSA agents asked him to stop, but the man attempted to keep walking.

The TSA then ascertained that the man was acting suspiciously and made the determination to give him a thorough security screening. This included removal of several items of apparel and a full pat-down. They also conducted a thorough going-through of the man's briefcase, including swipes to detect illicit drugs. It is unlikely that the questionable behavior of the man could have been related to the fact that he wore hearing aids and was conversing with a fellow passenger, and simply didn't hear the request by TSA agents to stop.

When this suspicious character was told he had to remove his shoes, he refused to



Former Governor Jay Hammond

do so, on the flimsy defense that he was unable to, due to bodily stiffness. It was a very flimsy excuse indeed, seeing as the gentleman could not have been very far above 80 years of age.

At the commencement of this very necessary, rigorous screening of this person of questionable character, a passenger in line behind the character said to the TSA agents, "Don't you know who that is?" They replied it was a federal offense to interfere with their duties.

The suspicious character was none other than former Gov. Jay Hammond.



Katie, a bartender at Squires, serves at the closest bar to campus

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Candy is dandy - until after Halloween

By KRT Campus

As you stare down the pile of Fun Size candy bars rising in a mound from the kitchen table, you, a frugal cook, begin to wonder how to tackle the kids' trick-or-treat largesse.

Our advice: Bake it.

Nearly every commercial candy imaginable - from Almond Joy to York Peppermint Patties - has been cleverly reincarnated as a cake, cookie, cheesecake or brownie.

Using candy as a baking ingredient isn't a new idea, of course. Where would kindergarten room mothers be without the standard-issue M&M cookies? Or a popular chain restaurant without a decadent Snickers cheesecake? But to get a sense of just how candy cuisine has captured the popular imagination, just cruise on over to www.cooks.com, where you'll find no fewer than 97 recipe variations for the toffee-flavored Heath Bar.

Candy is not only inexpensive, but also widely available. Plus candy is nostalgic, and like a boxed cake mix, it tends to prompt creativity from the cook.

At www.recipegoldmine.com, you can delve into variations on a cheesecake theme with flavors including Heath Bar, Junior Mint and Tootsie Roll. Imagine an early



morning encounter with Candy Bar French Toast available at www.mrbreakfast.com. And at www.thatsmyhome.com, Snickers chunks are the main ingredient for an, ahem, "salad" recipe featuring apples chunks, Cool Whip, sour cream and peanuts.

"The Candy Bar Cookbook" (Longstreet Press, 2000) by children's author Alison Inches and pastry chef Ric McKown takes candy bar cookery to a new level with such tempting morsels as Bit-O-Honey Pumpkin Cake, Milky Way Pain au Chocolat (which could definitely work for breakfast) and Dots Tartlets.

The authors include a mind-boggling array of recipes for cookies, bars and biscotti; pies and tarts; layer cakes, cheesecakes and souffles; ice cream pies, cakes, parfaits and bonbons; coffee cakes, waffles and muffins; and seasonal fare.

But perhaps the most offbeat recipes appear in the "Sticky Fingers" section featuring recipes especially for children. They include Circus Peanuts Cereal (we're not making this up!), Pigs in Blankets (Tootsie Rolls wrapped in Fruit Roll-Ups), Pop Rocks Crisp Rice Bars and Shortbread Pizza with Candy Toppings ("One cookie pizza to go - Hold the Swedish Fish").

The National Confectioners

Association, www.candyusa.org, offers these tips when cooking with candy:

-Since candy is naturally sweet, be sure to cut back on the amount of sugar in the ingredient list.

-Most baked goods with candy in them require a lower baking temperature and less time in the oven.

-When using chocolate candy, be sure to mix pieces into the butter or dough to protect it from the direct heat of baking.

-For frozen desserts, choose candies that don't freeze too hard, such as toffees and mints.

-Unbaked candy products, such as candy canes, Necco wafers or Butterfinger shards, can be used to make dessert garnishes.

-Melted candy bars make tasty dessert sauces and glazes.



MILKY WAY PAIN AU CHOCOLAT

The Milky Way Bar was invented in 1923. It was the first candy bar with a fluffy nougat center.

Makes 4 servings

For the pain au chocolat:

2 (2.5-ounce) Milky Way bars

1 container refrigerated rolls

For the glaze:

1/2 cup chocolate chips

1 tablespoon milk

1 tablespoon butter

For the pain au chocolate:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and spray a cookie sheet with nonstick spray.

Chop the candy bars into 1/4-inch slices.

Break open the crescent roll container. The dough will be in 2 halves. Unroll dough and divide on the middle partition, taking care not to tear the diagonal perforations. There will be 4 rectangles of dough.

Place all 4 rectangles of dough on the cookie sheet with the narrower edges toward you.

Sprinkle 1/4 cup of chopped candy bars on top of each rectangle, leaving a 1/2-inch border on both sides and a 1-inch border on the end furthest from you.

Roll up the dough like a sleeping bag, beginning with the edge closest to you. If the diagonal perforations tear when rolling, gently pinch them together.

Repeat with the remaining 3 rectangles.

Space the pains au chocolat 2 to 3 inches apart.

Bake 20 to 22 minutes, or until golden.

For the glaze:

In a double boiler over medium heat, melt the chocolate chips, butter and milk, and stir until smooth. Drizzle over the pain au chocolate and serve warm.

Per serving: 520 calories (51 percent from fat), 30 grams total fat (12 grams saturated), 14 milligrams cholesterol, 58 grams carbohydrates, 7 grams protein, 570 milligrams sodium, 2 grams dietary fiber.



BIT-O-HONEY PUMPKIN CAKE

The Schutter-Johnson Co. introduced Bit-O-Honey in 1924. The candy is now manufactured by Nestle.

Makes 18 to 20 pieces

For the pumpkin cake:

5 (1.7-ounce) Bit-O-Honey Bars

1 cup canola oil

4 eggs

1 (15-ounce) can pure pumpkin

1 cup sugar

2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

3/4 teaspoons ground cloves

1 teaspoon ground allspice

1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon salt

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoons baking soda

2 cups all-purpose flour

For the cream cheese frosting:

8 ounces cream cheese, room temperature

2 ounces (1/2 stick) butter

1 teaspoon vanilla

4 cups confectioners' sugar

For the pumpkin bars: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 13- by-9-inch pan with nonstick spray.

Freeze the Bit-O-Honey Bars 10 minutes.

In the food processor, chop candy bars coarsely. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, using electric mixer, combine the oil and eggs, and mix 30 seconds on high. Add pumpkin, sugar, cinnamon, cloves, allspice, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Mix on medium 1 minute, scraping down sides of the bowl.

Add the baking powder, baking soda and flour, and mix on low 30 seconds. Fold in the chopped candy bars.

Pour the batter into a prepared pan and bake 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Cool completely before frosting.

For the cream cheese frosting: In a large mixing bowl using and electric mixer, beat together the cream cheese and butter until smooth and fluffy (about 3 minutes). Mix in the vanilla. Add the confectioners' sugar and beat until thoroughly incorporated.

Spread the frosting evenly over the top of the cooled pumpkin bars. Cut into 2-by-3-inch squares.

Per piece, based on 18: 469 calories (47 percent from fat), 25 grams total fat (8 grams saturated), 76 milligrams cholesterol, 60 grams carbohydrates, 4 grams protein, 257 milligrams sodium, 1 gram dietary fiber.

LEFTOVER HALLOWEEN

CANDY CAKE

We told you we'd help you find a use for all those Fun Size candy bars, didn't we?

Makes 18 to 20 servings

For the cake:

12 Fun Size candy bars (8 to 8.5 ounces total)

2 tablespoons milk

1 (18.5-ounce) box white cake with pudding in the mix

2 cup water

1/3 cup vegetables oil

3 eggs

2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

For the frosting:

1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa

2 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted

1 teaspoon vanilla

6 tablespoons butter, softened

3 tablespoons plus

2 teaspoons milk

For the cake:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly butter and flour a 13-by 9-inch cake pan.

In a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, melt the candy bars with milk. Stir until the candy has melted. Cool 5 minutes.

In a large bowl using an electric mixer, blend cake mix, water, oil and eggs on low, scraping down sides of the bowl. Beat 2 minutes on high.

Stir 2/3 cup of cake batter and the flour into the cooled chocolate mixture and mix until thoroughly incorporated.

Pour the remaining white cake batter into the prepared pan. Spoon the chocolate mixture over the cake batter. Swirl the chocolate mixture into the cake batter with a knife. Bake 28 to 32 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake comes out clean. Completely cool the cake in the pan before frosting.

For the frosting:

In a large bowl using electric mixer, cream together the cocoa, confectioners' sugar, vanilla and butter on high. Gradually add the milk and beat until the frosting is spreadable. Frost the top of the cake.

Per serving, based on 18: 340 calories (39 percent from fat), 15 grams total fat (5 grams saturated), 44 milligrams cholesterol, 49 grams carbohydrates, 4 grams protein, 274 milligrams sodium, 1 gram dietary fiber.

And, at the risk of stating the obvious, don't forget to remove the wrappers before baking. The following recipes are from "The Candy Bar Cookbook: Baking With America's Favorite Candy" (Longstreet Press, 2000) by Alison Inches and Ric McKown. 

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UAS HISTORY



Closing of Children's Center

Emily McLean
WHALESONG REPORTER

Julie Morris was the student responsible for crying in the Chancellor's office in 1986. Morris convinced administration to acknowledge the fact that a child care facility was needed.

Facilities director Bob Greene, prior to Keith Gurken, felt sorry for Morris who trying to go back to school as a single parent. Facilities cleaned out a house the university had recently bought for road access to the new REC center. The building was renovated and according to Tish Griffin-Satre "it took a labor of love to bring the building up to code" with a maximum occupancy of 25.

The University of Alaska Southeast got into the child care business and regretfully could not make it financially. Satre states closing the Children's Center was the "hardest administration decision to make when my daughter was attending."

Despite the fact that the university's first attempt at a child care facility fell through a new plan is underway. The next student union building will include a child care facility.



Whale watching

When Spike, the UAS mascot, was new, students took him around town for interesting pictures. He was filmed all over town, someone even managed to get him up on the state office building downtown.

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on the Island.

You could walk or call a cab and cross the bridge for festivities at night on Douglas Island. After crossing the bridge, however, it'll be about a five-mile hike to South Douglas where you'll find family-like Mike's Place at 108 Main St.. If you decide this is too much tight knit community fun, you may just want to stay in Juneau and walk a few blocks from the Breakwater.

Once you get in town, you'll find the Channel Bowl refreshment stand at 608 West Willoughby Ave. has just that same feeling. Plus, you'll have the unparalleled distraction of bowling and the alley's din.

The Goldbelt Hotel restaurant and bar at 51 Egan Dr. and The Hangar at The Wharf building,

both with a varied menu of food and drink, are close by. On the opposite end of the pier, the recently opened Doc Waters Pub and Restaurant features outstanding food and the added attraction of a nightly folk and

jazz musician/singer and a full jazz or blues band on Friday and Saturday nights.

Your can then have your next spirit in what's referred to as the Juneau downtown proper. Downtown has a Capital Transit stop, which may allow bar-hoppers a cheaper trip into town.

Here, you'll find a slough of restaurants and bars beginning with the Alaskan Hotel and Bar at 167 South Franklin St. or just up the street at the Baranof, 127 N Franklin St.

Across Franklin from the Alaskan you'll find the Arctic Bar at 148 South Franklin St., the Imperial Billiard and Bar at 241 Front St., the Rendezvous 184 South Franklin St., The Triangle Club is at 251 Front St. These are some of the many locations for lavishing one self in good food and liquid libations.

As stated above, this list is not intended to be comprehensive, so explore. With so many options for nightlife festivities, and since you're in Alaska where more alcohol is consumed per capita than any other state in the Union, have yourself a spirited time. 

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