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Moving Hassles? FAA Service Eases the Pain of Relocating

by Marge Cholometes
Relocation Service Coordinator

Relocating can be hazardous to your health, sanity, and bank balance. But with FAA's relocation program, the frustration and difficulties can be reduced.

FAA provides free relocation services, including help with selling your home and aid in finding a new home, through a contract with a relocation company called PHH Homequity.

If an employee with a permanent change of station (PCS) order decides to use the relocation services, the home sale program gives FAA'ers the choice of selling the house to Homequity as one of the options.

Under the new contract, marketing assistance goes hand-in-hand with the home sale program and is a strong feature. It is designed to help prepare the house for sale and market it to receive a higher purchase offer.

The home finding program provides employees with local area information, house hunting assistance, and mortgage counseling for the new destination. This is a service that is started well before the move so that you can narrow down your price range and community options before hitting the house hunting trail. It's a free service that many people don't take advantage of and really should. Any FAA employee may use the home finding and mortgage assistance services without paying a fee or without a travel order.

Homequity will also provide packets detailing specific information about communities within a city -- such as the price range of homes, local taxes, types of schools, health services, and commuting times between communities. This information is also available to people who are considering a move or thinking about bidding on a position in an unfamiliar location. It can help them decide if the move is professionally and financially beneficial for them.

To learn more about relocation offerings, contact Marge Cholometes at (907) 271-5803 or Homequity's pretransfer marketing assistance counselor at their toll free number (800) 552-1336.

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CORRECTION CORRECTION CORRECTION CORRECTION

by Jean Pershall, AAL-16B

This is to correct my July Intercom article concerning retaining basic life insurance at no cost after retirement. I have received clarification on OPM's interpretation of the term "retires" pertaining to discontinuing the option of post-retirement retention of basic life insurance at no cost after January 1, 1990. The date of separation from the agency is the controlling factor; i.e., anyone who separates for retirement on or before December 31, 1989, will be able to elect the no-cost, 75% reduction option. Employees who separate for retirement on or after January 1, 1990, and elect the 75% reduction at age 65 will have to pay their basic life insurance premium until they attain age 65.

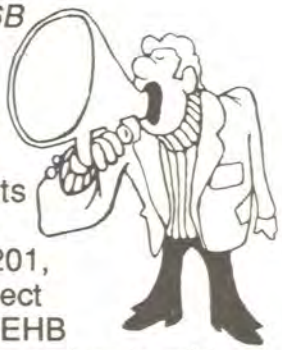
In either case the insurance reduces 2% per month after age 65 to a minimum of 25% of the basic life amount at retirement.

Please keep in mind that this interpretation of "retires" is for this specific provision of the FEGLI program only; for most other benefit determinations, the date of retirement is defined as the commencement date of annuity.

If you wish more information or clarification, please contact Jean Pershall, Employee Relations Specialist, at 271-5804.

Special Alert Notice

by Jean Pershall, AAL-16B



As of January 1, 1990, AETNA will no longer be a member of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. All employees enrolled in FEHB codes 201, 202, 204, or 205 must select another plan during the FEHB open season from mid-November to mid-December. New coverage will begin January 1990.

AETNA will continue to underwrite several of the other FEHB plans. If your enrollment code is not included in the above list, and you wish to retain your current plan, you are not required to make a change during the open season.

For information, call Jean Pershall, Employee Relations Specialist, AAL-16B, at 271-5804.

Women's Equality Week

by Chris Williams, Manager
Federal Women's Program

To celebrate Women's Equality Week, members of the Federal Women's Program assembled a display in the lobby of the Anchorage Federal Office Building that included mannequins dressed in uniforms representing non-traditional female jobs. These lifelike visions of a policewoman, military aircraft pilot, and a surgeon provided a terrific backdrop for the annual men's bake-off and auction.

Our rainhats off to the men of FAA who baked 19 outstanding culinary entries this year. The judges had their usual difficult time in selecting the winners (although all the guys were winners in our book). Judges for this year's competition were Diana Kuest (AAL-7), Russ Oyster (AAL-600), and Vickie Sherburne (AAL-450). Special thanks goes to Wilse Morgan (AAL-452) and sidekick Hal Eward (ANC FSS) who provided excellent auctioneering skills as they encouraged the bidders to raise the ante.

Top place winners for the baking competition were as follows:

Cakes and Bread (Taste)
1st --Chuck Miller (AAL-30B)
2nd --Bob Wilson (Retired)
3rd--Frank Austin (AAL-4)

Cakes & Bread (Decoration)
1st --Mike Thompson (AAL-500)
2nd--Bruce Crouse (AAL-50)
3rd--Frank Austin (AAL-4)

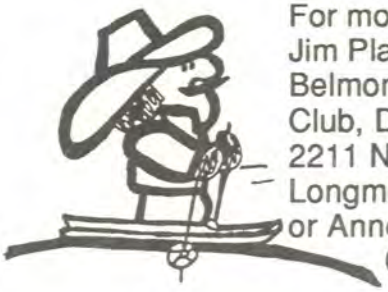
Pies
1st--Fred Ninger (AAL-500)
2nd--Edd Clair (ANC SFO)
3rd--Hal Eward (ANC FSS)

Cookies & Brownies
1st--Bobby Lamkin (AAL-532)
2nd--Hal Eward (ANC FSS)
3rd--Frank Cunningham (AAL-1)

A total of $190 was raised as a result of the auction. Those funds will be used to support future FWP events.

1990 FAA SKIFEST

It's that time again. Those of you who enjoy the thrill of downhill skiing should plan to join the Denver Center Ski Club from February 19-24 at Vail, Colorado. For only $400 you can enjoy lodging at the Vail Racquet Club, your lift tickets, races, parties, and fun, fun, fun.



For more info, contact Jim Platz or Rich Belmonte, ZDV Ski Club, Denver Center, 2211 N. l7th Ave., Longmont, CO 80501; or Anne Hulsey at 303-651-4242.

Registration begins October 1, 1989, and it's never too early to sign up.

There is a brochure from the Vail Racquet Club on display at the Public Affairs Office (AAL-5) for those of you who would like to see the kind of accommodations that will be available.

DON'T FORGET! FOR THE CURRENT, UP-TO-DATE NEWS ON A WEEKLY BASIS YOU CAN CALL OUR EMPLOYEE NEWSLINE AT 279-6544! WE UPDATE THE RECORDING EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Medical Tests

by Mary Grindrod, R.N., AAL-300

The following information is a continuation from last month's descriptions of blood chemistry components that you may wish to be familiar with in order to better understand your blood test results from the Health Fair or your doctor's office.

Bilirubin Total: A waste product from the natural breakdown of red blood cells. It is formed in the liver and excreted in the bile ducts and gallbladder. Increased values are usually due to liver disease, bile duct obstruction, or increased red blood cell breakdown.

ALK Phosphatase: An enzyme found primarily in the bone, liver, and bile ducts. Increased values are due to disease in these areas.

SGOT and SGPT: These are abbreviations for enzymes which aid various chemical activities within cells of the muscles, liver, and heart. Injury to these cells can release enzymes into the blood and cause the values to go up.

Triglyceride: This is a blood fat that is affected by what you have eaten and may be elevated for up to 12 hours after a meal. If your level is higher than 500, you should consult a doctor.

Cholesterol: This is a blood fat. The coronary risk profile for cholesterol levels for people over age 20 is that if the level is 200-239 they would be listed as borderline high risk for coronary disease, and if over 240 the risk would be listed as high.

HDL Cholesterol: High density cholesterol may be considered the "good" kind. It appears to be a protector. In general, the higher the HDL level, the better off you are.

LDL Cholesterol: Low density cholesterol is the "bad" guy. The higher this level, the greater the risk of coronary heart disease.

CAT SCAN: The computerized axial tomography is 100 times more sensitive than an X-ray, and can help diagnose tumors, blood clots, cysts, and bleeding into the brain as well as in various other organs.

MRI: Magnetic resonance imaging does not use radiation but produces pictures of the brain that are more detailed than the CAT SCAN. This test can pick up subtle signs that are missed on x-rays.

Mammography: A small amount of radiation that can detect cysts, abscesses and tumors. This test can detect breast abnormalities at easily treated stages before you can feel them.

IVP: Intravenous pyelogram is a kidney test where an iodine-containing substance is injected into a vein and x-rays are taken to show the outlines of the kidney, ureters, and bladder. Tumors, stones, and swelling of the kidney tissue can be seen on the x-ray results.

Electrocardiogram or EKG: A heart test where a machine amplifies the electrical signals from your heart and records them on paper. This test can detect such things as an enlarged heart, abnormal levels of potassium or calcium, disease of the small vessels of the heart, and when an abnormal heart rhythm originates. If abnormal, more advanced studies would have to be done.

Echocardiogram: This is a painless test in which sound waves are used to produce a picture of the heart in action. It helps to show how the heart valves are working and the condition of the membrane

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surrounding the heart. Often mitral valve prolapse shows up on this test.

Stress Test: Your heart rate, blood pressure and EKG are constantly monitored as you exercise on a treadmill that goes faster and faster. The changes that occur when you are exercising will tell your doctor if you are at risk for a heart attack.

Barium Enema: An x-ray is performed after a radioactive material has been instilled into your large intestine through a tube inserted into your anus. The doctor will be able to see tumors, polyps, or any obstructions and other abnormalities.

Upper GI Series: Another form of stomach or intestinal test which involves a drink of barium so that x-rays can be taken of the esophagus, stomach, duodenum, and sometimes the small intestine. The doctor can diagnose swallowing disorders, hiatus hernias, ulcers, tumors, and some inflammation of the stomach and small bowel.

Tests such as the ones mentioned above are just some of the tools physicians use to make an accurate diagnosis and to treat a disease. Some of them are painful. Most of them are frightening. If you are in need of medical attention, hopefully your knowledge of some of these tests will help you through the bad times and get you back to good health as rapidly as possible.

Dillingham FSS Was Busier Than a One-Armed Paperhanger

It was due to lack of space and not lack of interest that we were unable to include the following information in previous Intercoms. So Dillingham ATCSs -- this one's for you!

The air traffic had increased dramatically last May in the Dillingham area due to the Togiak Herring Fisheries. It was estimated that 500 boats and 80 to 100 spotter planes were stationed in Togiak and the surrounding area, just waiting for the opener of the Purse Seine fisheries.

Our Dillingham FSS staff talked to 1,241 airplanes and provided 1,585 flight services in a two-day time span. Not bad for a part- time FSS!

Gillnet fishing season opened during that time in which the fishermen took 2,400 tons of herring. Sounds pretty good for one day's catch.

A special pat on the back goes out to our ATCS/S staff at the Dillingham FSS, namely,

Stuart Prisk,
Ron Sherman,
Jeff Barnes,
Dwight Kramer,
Don Graber.

This was the second season in a row that no serious accidents occurred during the Togiak herring season, and we believe credit should be given to our Dillingham FSS staff for their help in keeping so many aircraft in a safe assemblage.

By the way, the fishermen pulled in their limit of 16,500 tons of herring this season.

Sexual Harrassment

In response to Secretary Skinner's remarks on sexual harrassment , calling it an "offensive and unlawful form of behavior that cannot be tolerated," we would like to add our two cents worth to that issue.

Ken Smith, Civil Rights Officer for the Alaskan Region, reminds us that "sexual harassment is any deliberate or repeated unsolicited verbal comment, gesture, or physical contact of a sexual nature which is unwelcome."

A 1987 survey by the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board showed that 36% of DOT female workers claimed they had experienced some form of on-the-job sexual harassment in the previous two years while 11% of DOT male employees said they were victims of sexual harassment. The governmentwide average was 42% female and 14% male harassment victims.

The following summarizations of two Q & A columns written by Anchorage management trainer and consultant Lynne Curry-Swann might assist you in understanding what sexual harassment can entail.

Employees can fight against sexual harassment.

Question: *"I'm a new supervisor, a woman and the sole support of three children. I've recently gotten the best job I've ever had. Unfortunately, I'm caught in a difficult situation that's getting worse.*

The other day, as I walked by two senior managers, one said to the other, "Don't you think Jane would get better results if she wore a lower-cut blouse at staff meetings?" They both smiled. The comment bothered me, but I ignored it.

This week, he joined me in the lunch room and began to tell me, in graphic detail of a sexual encounter he had with a woman he picked up at a bar. I'm not sure what to do".

Answer: What he's doing is clearly sexual harassment. A 1986 U.S. Supreme Court ruling outlined that an intimidating, hostile, unreasonably interfering or offensive work environment constitutes sexual harassment.

As the target, your first consideration becomes what will stop him from continuing or escalating the harassment. The next time he gives you unwanted sexual attentions, makes sexual remarks, suggestive comments or off-color jokes, you can ask him to stop it. You might say, "For me, that's not funny. Please don't make that kind of comment around me." Depending on the relation you want with this manager and what you think it will take to get him to stop, you can choose whether you ask him to stop it in a private setting or in front of others.

If you're not comfortable telling him directly, you can write him a note. You might clip a copy of this column and put it in the harasser's in-box.

If you can't confront this manager, you might go to someone else and ask for assistance. Is there another senior manager who could pull the first manager aside and tell him that sexual harassment is illegal? Maybe get help from your personnel officer?
If you're afraid the harasser won't stop, keep a journal listing the incidents that occur, with the times, dates, and witnesses. Then, go to personnel, a senior manager, or the state Human Rights Commission. You'll have more ability to prove your case when you've kept documentation. Or, if you'd like to give the senior manager one last chance, tell him that you've got the

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journal and that he has a choice: Cut it out or you'll file a sexual harassment charge. Often, that will end the problem.

Dirty jokes fit the category of sex harassment.

Question: *"When I read the Daily News last Thursday, I saw myself described in your column. I was the 'sexual harasser' a woman complained about. She asked you how to 'handle' me.*

Well, I don't think what I did was any big deal. I just told a couple of dirty jokes and flirted with her a little. Women seem to be screaming 'sex harassment' when the only problem is a few women are too thin-skinned".

Answer: The woman said you suggested she wear a lower-cut blouse to get better results. She said that when the two of you were alone in the coffee room, you graphically described a sexual encounter.

To you this was no big deal. But you don't get to decide whether or not someone else is offended by your comments. Leaving the decision up to you would be the same as allowing the teller of a bad joke to decide whether or not his joke was funny or asking a rapist to decide whether or not a rape he committed was hard on the victim.

It might help you to consider how you would feel if another man were to say the same things you said to your wife, mother, or daughter. Would it be a big deal? How would you feel if a woman manager who had more seniority than you discussed a part of your anatomy with another woman? What if she suggested that you'd get better results if that part was either larger or more visual? You might think she was out-of-line.

You may say you were only teasing and that she should have taken your remarks in that context. It's normally not harassment to tease someone. However, your teasing remarks were both sexual in nature and offensive to the woman. You're also in a more senior position at your company than she is, and thus it's hard for her to do any action other than pretend your actions are OK or to avoid you.

I suggest then that rather than feel insulted that this woman found your remarks offensive, you listen to her. You may be offending others and thus damaging your career.

We thank Lynne Curry-Swann for allowing us to reprint this information extracted from her columns.

In addition to Ms. Swann's comments, we might mention that the most common forms of sexual harassment are sexual remarks, suggestive looks or deliberate touching.

The following actions, if unwelcome, constitute sexual harassment:

*Requests for dates or for sexual favors.
*Remarks, sounds or comments that are suggestive or lewd.
*Touching, pinching, grabbing, gesturing or staring.
*Exposure to sexual photos, drawings, cartoons or graffiti.

If you feel you have been a victim of any of these offensive actions, you may contact Ken Smith (271-5289), Civil Rights Officer for the Alaskan Region. If you believe you have been sexually harassed, you may contact an EEO counselor or the DOT's Office of the Inspector General. Retaliation or reprisal against one who has complained about discrimination is prohibited.

Around and About the Region

In our never-ending attempt to keep up with everyone in the region, here are the latest changes in personnel:

Karen Steen is the new Assistant Manager for Program Support at the Anchorage Center. She previously worked at the Anchorage SFO as an electronics technician.

David Johnson has departed from the Airway Facilities Division to take on the responsibilities of a program specialist in the Airports Division.

Inspector **Thomas Shilling** of the Juneau FSDO has transferred to Oklahoma City.

ATCS **Glenn Renken** and his family have traveled from the Little Rock FSS to the Ketchikan FSS where Glenn is now working.

ATCS **Katherine Madison** is scheduled to leave the Ketchikan FSS for the Great Falls, Montana, FSS in October.

Chuck Benson will be leaving the Juneau SFO this month to fill the NAVAIDS electronics technician vacancy in the Anchorage SFO.

Michael Fischback, relief ET at the Fairbanks AFS, left in August to join the engineering co-op program staff in the Great Lakes Region.

David Hainline and his family are now settled in Nome where **David** is working with us as an electronics technician. Prior to joining the Nome SFO staff, **David** worked for FAA out of Billings, Montana.

Andrew Billick is here from the sunny Southwest Region in Dallas/Fort Worth to take over the reins as Logistics Division Manager. (How fortunate for **Andy** that he was able to move back to Alaska in time for one of our great winters.)

Joe Tichenor and **Ed Markle** have moved from the temporary laborer classification to become permanent employees of the staff at the South Alaska Sector Field Office. **Joe** is now a carpenter in the Field Maintenance Support Staff and **Ed** is a maintenance mechanic on the Program Support Staff.

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new employees who have joined the FAA family.

Ron Rowinski and his family have arrived in Cold Bay where **Ron** now works as an electronics technician at the Cold Bay SFOU.

Hartzel G. Acord has accepted the position of general aviation airworthiness inspector at the Anchorage FSDO.

Carter Ross is the new maintenance mechanic for the Fairbanks SFO in the Environmental Unit.

Angela Jones left BLM behind as she stepped into a clerk typist position at the Fairbanks FSDO.

Janice Hoskinson is new to FAA and the Fairbanks FSDO where she is an aviation clerk.

Michelle Haffner has joined the Juneau FSDO as an aviation clerk.

Vicky Cox came on board recently as a secretary at the Anchorage SFO. She brings many years of DOD experience with her.

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Ellen Bedell is our new employee in the Commercial Accounts Branch of the Financial Management Division. **Ellen** comes to us with six years of Federal service within DOD.

Mary Godbee left behind her job at the Alaska Area Native Medical Center to take a position in the Travel Section of the Financial Management Division.

Larry Burdick recently graduated from the trainee program and took over as electronics technician in the Juneau SFO South Electronic Unit.

Layne T. Shaw left one of our southern states behind (Tennessee) to take a position as developmental electronics technician in one of our "northern" cities in Alaska (Fairbanks). **Layne** is now working at the Fairbanks AFS.

Aggie Blackmer completed her new hire training program in Oklahoma City and has returned to the Fairbanks AFS.

ATCS **Joyce Brown** and her husband, **Charlie**, left the sunny skies of California, and traveled to Bethel, Alaska, by way of the FAA Academy, to join our staff at the Bethel ATCT.

Get Well Wishes

Soon, we hope to see **Mike Wise's** smiling face back at the office. **Mike** went through some successful surgery earlier this month and is home recuperating for a little while before again tackling his responsibilities again as Assistant Manager for Technical Support at the ARTCC AFS.

Mike Betts is back on the job as a quality assurance and training specialist at the Fairbanks FSS. **Mike** was out of the office for quite a while with some medical problems, but we hear he is doing much better now.

ATCS **Lisa Welsh-Workman** is back on duty at the Fairbanks FSS following a short stay in the hospital.

ATCS **Lou Ramsay** recently spent a short time in the hospital, but we are happy to report he is back at work at the Fairbanks FSS.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have a long list of promotions to brag about this month so please hold your applause until the end of the list.

Congratulations to:

Melanie Kirk-Totten, ET, NA AFS
Cyrus Mutchler, ET, Bethel
David Chamberlain, MM, Yakutat
Vicki Liles, Fiscal Clerk, AAL-421
Ken Burgener, MM, ZAN
Mary Lou D. Wojtalik, AAL-5B
Philip Rognon, ET, ZAN
Don Jay, ET, ZAN
Lawrence Belisle, ATM, CDV FSS

While we are in our congratulatory mode, we have some other employees who deserve a round of applause for their exceptional efforts.

Three cheers for ATCS/S **Steve Hubbert** for another great flight assist while on duty at the McGrath FSS. A helicopter pilot had become disoriented between Galena and McGrath and would not have been able to safely land his aircraft had it not been for **Steve's** assistance. This is the third time this year Steve's been involved with a flight assist.

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Mayra Faza-Joy from our General and Cost Accounting Branch (AAL-32) was elected to the post of historian for the FAA Federal Women's Program in the Anchorage Federal Office Building; and **Joyce DeClements**, from the Accounts Payable Branch AAL-33) was elected Vice President of the FAA FWP organization.

While we are talking about the FWP, the Interagency FWP of Fairbanks recently hosted a Federal Woman-of-the-Year Award ceremony. Three FAA nominees for this honor were **Doris McIntosh** (Administrative Assistant, Program Support Unit, NA-AFS), **Ann Spannagel** (ET, NA-AFS), and the recently retired **Helen Hall** (GSS, NA SFO). **Ann Spannagel** was among the final five nominees. **Nancy Reagan** (BLM) was the winner of the competition. (We wonder if her name brought her good luck?)

Cruz Forres, a unit supervisor at the South Alaska AFS, was nominated by the Airway Facilities Division to receive the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award. This new award was created at the national level to recognize the superior day-to-day efforts of FAA employees. **Cruz** is a highly dedicated employee who exhibits outstanding productivity and enthusiasm in the performance of his everyday activities. Congratulations, **Cruz**!

And for his efforts outside of the office, congratulations to **Ken Slauson** (Computer Specialist, AAL-60) and his wife, **Denise**, on the recent birth of their son **Timothy James Slauson.**

Cary Williamson (left), Juneau SFO South Unit Environmental Supervisor, presents **Willard Means**, maintenance mechanic at Sitka, with an On-the-Spot Award for his extra service in cleaning up the facilities at Biorka Island.

Letters of Appreciation were presented (left to right) by **Wallace Tharp** (Area Supervisor) to **Sharon Ross** (Secretary), **Rebecca Moore** (Area Supervisor), and **Daniel Brady** (ATCS), for their efforts in making "Operation Raincheck '89" such a success. All these employees work at the Fairbanks ATCT.

Jeanie Jacobs (QATS, Fairbanks FSS) received a Letter of Appreciation for her efforts during "Operation Raincheck '89".

Steve Durand, King Salmon SFO maintenance mechanic, received a Letter of Commendation for his efforts while Acting MM foreman King Salmon SFO .

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(left to right) **Roland Jones** (systems engineer, ZAN AF) presented a Special Achievement Group Award to **Mack Humphrey, Bruce Whalley, Dorman Bell**, and **David Penn** (not available for the photo). The recipients of this award are all electronics technicians at the ZAN AF who very professionally handled an Alascom satellite outage at the Anchorage ARTCC that affected approximately three-quarters of the center's communications, radar, and monitoring equipment. **Mack Humphrey** also received a Special Achievement Award for his handling of a depot rehab project.

Systems engineers at ZAN AF, **Joe Buckley** (far left) and **Gary Stadig** (far right), presented a Special Achievement Group Award to ZAN AF electronic technicians **Jim Royse** (second from left) and **Wilson Angnabooguk** (second from right). Not available for the photo were **Mack Humphrey** and **Ken Cline**.

RUKS RAIDERS DO IT AGAIN!

Congratulations to the second year in a row winners of the Annual CIVAIR Softball Tournament. The winners pictured above from left to right are: (front row) **Steve Ruks, Betty Ruks, Pam Ross, Kathi Shear;** (back row) **Della Triggs, Charlie Ross, Jim Finlayson**, and **Leroy Roybal**. **Linda Whitney** was on the winning team also, but was unavailable for the picture. **Judi Clair, Hilda Elias, Tess Staples, Gene Matthews, Steve Ruks, Gary Nielsen**, and **Edd Clair** all worked very hard to put together another fun and invigorating day in the sun.

We also heard that **Robert "Stud Muffin" Yerkes** was a real "hit" both during and after the games.

Letters of Commendation were recently presented to ATCS **Joseph Huard** at the King Salmon FSS, SATCS **Dennis Wegner** at Merrill Tower in Anchorage, and to ATCSs **Cliff Miyamoto, Nels Wahl, Jr.**, and **Joe Bennett** all at the Iliamna FSS.

Glen Sisson (left) received an On-the-Spot Award from **Dick Kutz**, Assistant Sector Manager, ZAN AF. **Glen** established the international circuit F-970 between Anchorage and Tokyo.

Congratulations to **Claudia Hoversten** on her receipt of the Secretary of Transportation's Award for Meritorious Achievement for 1989. **Claudia**, who is a systems accountant in the Financial Management Division, received the award for her outstanding efforts and skills in designing, developing, and implementing an interface program involving the electronic transfer of data from DOT procurement systems into the Departmental Accounting and Financial Information System. Thousands of man hours will be saved through utilization of this new program.

Congratulations to **Jeanie Jacobs** (Quality Assurance and Training Specialist, Fairbanks FSS) on her recent selection to the board of directors for the Professional Women Controllers national organization.

Hi and Bye

Welcome back to **Ole Powell**, proficiency development specialist at the Anchorage ARTCC AFS. **Ole** had been on a detail to the Academy in Oklahoma City for the past three years as an instructor. Everyone is sure glad to have him back in Alaska.

Also, welcome back to **Elwood Hussey**, lead travel voucher examiner in the Financial Management Division. **Elwood** has come out of his retirement mode on a six-month detail to help with the ever-growing backlog of travel vouchers. Many of you might remember **Elwood** from when he worked in the FAA Travel Section for ten years prior to his retirement in 1987.

Farewell to **Helen Brady** and **Lori Frasier** from the Financial Management Division. Medical reasons caused **Helen** to leave her position as voucher examiner in the commercial payments section. **Lori**, on the other hand, left us to accompany her husband to his new military duty station in Denver, Colorado. Someone should warn all those fishermen in Colorado to move over and watch how a real "pro" reels in those trophy size aquatic inhabitants. After all, **Lori** did just win first place in the Anchor Point Fishing Derby with her 66-pound king salmon.

In Memoriam

Our condolences go out to the family of **Katherine Pitts**, 37, following her recent death in a hunting accident on Kodiak Island. **Kathy** is survived by her husband, **Rick**, her son, **Ricky**, and daughter, **Tobi**. **Kathy** and her family had just moved to Kodiak a month before the accident where

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she worked for FAA as an electronics technician. Prior to moving to the island, **Kathy** was based out of the Anchorage SFO at Merrill Field. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Kodiak Search and Rescue, c/o First National Bank, Box 2517, Kodiak, AK 99615.

Former FAA employee **George Hannon**, age 65, recently passed away at his home in Vancouver, Washington. Prior to retirement, **George** worked more than 30 years within the government service. He put to good use his college degree in electronic engineering when he worked for FAA at Gustavus, Annette Island, and the regional office in Anchorage. He is survived by a brother, a niece, and a nephew.

Ralph Pott, age 67, died this past July at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. He moved from Ohio to Alaska in 1947 and worked as an air traffic controller until his retirement in 1971. He is survived by two sisters and a brother. In lieu of flowers, it was asked that memorials be directed to the Boy Scouts, Western Council, 3117 Patterson, Anchorage, AK 99502.

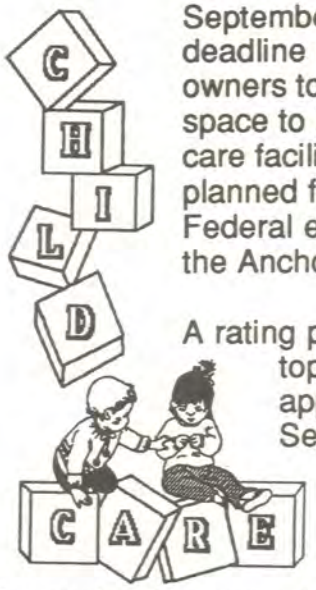
Our sincere sympathy goes out to **Dennis Lavicky** on the death of his father. **Dennis** is a maintenance mechanic at the Nome SFO.

We also extend our condolences to **Ginger Llewellyn** on the loss of her mother. **Ginger** is a staffing assistant in the Human Resource Management Division in Anchorage.

Our special thoughts also go out to Phyllis Taylor on the recent death of her mother. Phyllis is a housing management officer in AAL-58B.

We were sad to hear about the sudden death of **Karl Reese** in a parachuting accident at Fort Bragg. **Karl** was the son of **Neil Reese**, who used to work in AAL-30 as Chief of the Budget Branch and is now based with FAA in Oklahoma City.

Child Care Center



September 22 was the deadline for building owners to submit bids for space to house the child care facility that is being planned for use by Federal employees in the Anchorage area.

A rating panel interviewed the top child care provider applicants on September 26. The decision reached by the panel on that day was sent up the chain of command in the form of a recommendation.

Stay tuned for more news on this subject as it occurs.

Memorabilia

For those of you who have been racking your brains trying to remember who the retirees are that were pictured in our July Intercom -- we're going to save your sanity and identify them for you.

(left to right) Ed Blair, John Bassler, Tom Gregory, Lois Schute, Phil DePalmer, Claudine Bird, and Dorothy Revell.

225 YEARS OF SERVICE

That's how many years of service nine of our employees totaled when combining their time with the Federal government.

Ann White, secretary, Juneau SFO -- 15 years of service

Patricia Norsworthy, AAL-421 -- 15 years of service

DuWayne Lang, general supply specialist, Juneau SFO -- 15 years of service

The following six fellows each celebrated their 30-year anniversary with the Federal government system.

Ken Lively, communications technician, Anchorage ARTCC AFS

Neil Martens, environmental program manager, AAL-450

Leon Chesler. TM&O. AAL-464

Sevard Wagenius, electronics section manager, AAL-461

Wilse Morgan, electronics engineer, AAL-450

Bob Welcyng, electronics engineer, AAL-450

U. S. TRANSPORTATION FATALITIES[a]

	1987	1988	1988 Alaska
		(Calendar Years)	
HIGHWAY[b]			
Passenger Cars	25,132	25,339	
Pedestrians	6,745	6,823	
Pickup Trucks and Vans	8,058	8,199	
Large Trucks	852	899	
Motorized Cycles	3,836	3,618	
Pedalcycles	948	904	
Other Highway	819	948	
Total	46,390	46,730	97
GRADE CROSSING[c]	(624)	(689)	
RAIL[d]			
Intercity: Passengers	16	2	
Employees	37	29	
Pedestrians & Others	529	515	
Rail Rapid Transit: Passengers	28	16[e]	
Employees	0	0[e]	
Pedestrians & Others	6	2	
Total	616	564	
MARINE		[e]	
Commercial	118	120	Unknown*
Recreational	1,036	946	34
	1,154	1,066	
AVIATION			
Airlines	232	285	ØØ
Commuter & Air Taxi	123	79	12
General Aviation	813	796	32
Total	1,168	1,160	44
PIPELINE			
Natural Gas	8	28	
Liquid	1	2	
Total	9	30	
GRAND TOTAL	49,337	49,550	

(a) Except for aviation, all fatality statistics are from the Department of Transportation. Data for 1988 are preliminary and subject to update.
(b) Fatality figures include only occupants of each type of vehicle.
(c) The grade crossing fatalities are counted in the highway or rail categories as appropriate.
(d) The nontransportation-related rail employee fatalities included in the Federal Railroad Administration annual report, have been omitted from this report.
(e) Projected, based on partial year reporting.

* U.S. Coast Guard Source

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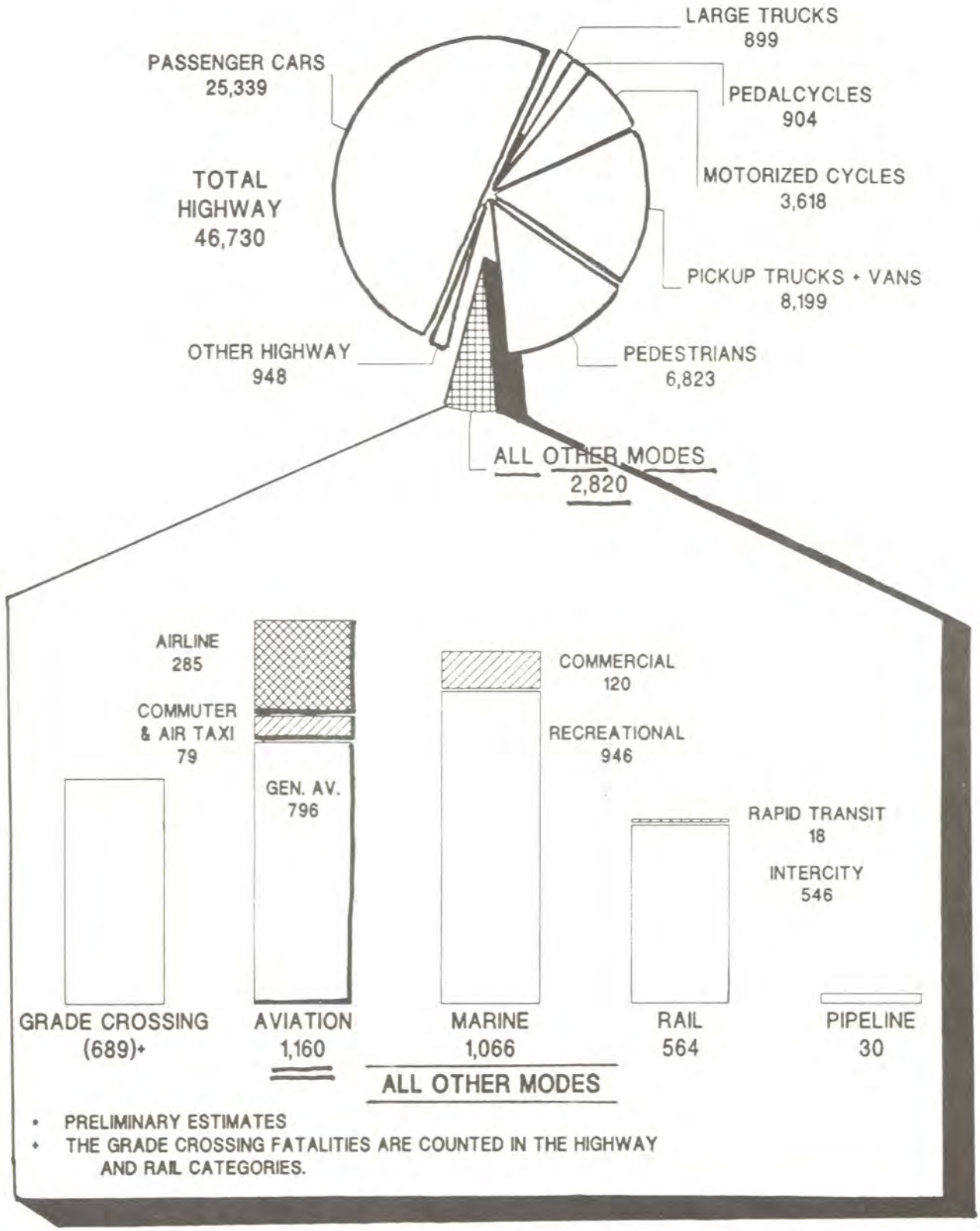
TRANSPORTATION FATALITIES*
49,550 IN 1988 (Calendar Year)



* PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES
\+ THE GRADE CROSSING FATALITIES ARE COUNTED IN THE HIGHWAY AND RAIL CATEGORIES.

1988 Alaska Aviation Fatalities: 44.total. (Airline=0, Air Taxi=12, Gen.Av.=32.
1988 Alaska Highway Fatalities: 97 total.
1988 Alaska Marine Fatalities: ? . (Recreational=34, Commerical=?)*
*Source: U.S. Coast Guard