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Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor: Recently 15 high school students from Sitka High and Mt. Edgecumbe High, known as the Natural Helpers, completed the Spring Regional Training Conference from May 28 to June 2.

The Natural Helpers Program consists of students who have been identified by their peers as "peer confidants" and receive training throughout the school year.

On behalf of the Sitka Teen Resource Center, I would like to thank the following organizations and individuals: SRS and MERS for permitting the students to travel, Clipped by the Lake in Junction for lodging accommodations, the Alaska Marine Highway System for their hospitality, Lakeland Grocery and Southeast Wholesale for food donations, and SCADA for their assistance in facilitating the Natural Helpers Program.

A special thank you to Karen Marjama, education specialist from the National Council on Alcoholism in Junction, for teaching the workshop and to Carol Bean, bookkeeper for Alaska Accounting, for her role as chaperone.

Sincerely, Beth Garrison Program Manager

Dear Editor: It is always difficult to report speeches and it is especially difficult to convey the substance of a question and answer session. I sympathize with your reporter's effort in reporting on a talk I made to the Sitka Women's Club recently. I feel that it is important to clarify a few of the points reported to have been made by me.

I, olympics check-off, was discussed in connection with a question which implied that it was the department of correction's election to create that opportunity for citizens contributions rather than the legislature. My concern about organizing opportunities to contribute to worthy causes through the dividend program arose primarily from my real problems of legislative selection among competing eligible causes and ad-

Jobless Rate Climbs Slightly During May

WASHINGTON (AP) — Layoffs in the automobile and industries not in civilian unemployment up 0.2 percent in May, raising the jobless rate to 12.2 percent, according to a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The May rate, adjusted for seasonal variations, was the highest since February, and followed two straight months of slight declines. Civilian unemployment in May totaled 10,150,000, an increase of 210,000 new jobs since April. The labor force grew by 422,000, to 119,352,000, nearly double the number of new jobs created.

Manufacturing remained in the red, losing 10,000 jobs in May, raising to a total of 300,000 the number of factory jobs lost since August 1985. Fifteen thousand of those jobs disappeared last month in the automobile industry. Since early 1985, the net gain in manufacturing employment has dropped by 100,000.

The oil and gas industry continued to employ, losing another 20,000 jobs in May to add to the 70,000 jobs lost the first three months of this year. The first three months of this year were a reflection of falling oil prices worldwide.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Depression is more common in younger people, especially in those who are largely going unmet despite the availability of effective methods, according to studies of more than 10,000 patients.

An estimated 11 percent to 12 percent of Americans suffer from depression, said Dr. Myron Weisman of Yale University.

Women experience depression twice as frequently as men, and the illness is most common in people aged 18 to 24, Weisman reported Wednesday at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Serious Depression: Common, Untreated

The studies, part of a large effort by the National Institute of Mental Health to determine the prevalence of mental illness in the United States, identified a variety of factors that increase a person's chances of suffering from depression.

Those most at risk are the young, females, those who are separated, divorced or widowed, those with marriages, and those with a history of depression in their families, Weisman said.

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Drifter Convicted of Killing Seattle Family

SEATTLE (AP) — A husband from court, surrounded by police officers, officers, rights and cameras. David Rice was asked whether he was willing to take for the Christmas Eve murders of a family of four.

The verdict was reached about 2 p.m. after jurors began deliberations for 11 hours and took a lunch break.

The prosecutor's arguments that Rice had in order to allow himself to be interviewed by several reporters, Rice admitted killing Goldmark, 41, a friend, and their son, Derek, 12, in 1982.

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Fisherman Says Peel Talked About Murders

MEIKERIKAN, Alaska (AP) — While most of the fishing village of Craig knew only that the fishing vessel Peeler had been involved in a murder, a spokesman said in an interview that the crew and their boat were involved in the murder of two fishermen Thursday.

Peel, 26, on trial for the September 1982 murders of the boat's eight crew members, was accused of killing them, Wash., in also accused of setting the boat afire to destroy evidence of the crime.

Reading from a note he wrote earlier in the investigation, Brian Poliakoff, Peeler's friend since boyhood, recalled a conversation he had with Peeler shortly after the inventor started fishing.

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