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Thirty-six members of the JDHS track-and-field team will travel to Sitka on Friday for their first meet.

The coaches say they are "excited," "enthusiastic" and "ready" for the first meet.

Track practice began in mid-March with 80 students participating. The group has cut itself down to about 50 members now. The 36 boys and girls traveling to Sitka will be chosen according to each member's attendance rate, said student manager Nancy Lennon.

Art contest marks book celebration

Over 1,000 entries were received from Juneau's young artists in the seventh annual National Library Week Bookmark Contest.

Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Mendenhall Valley Public Library. Winning designs will be featured on 1989 Juneau Public Libraries Bookmarks, and the winners will each receive a \$10 gift certificate for local bookstores from the Friends of the Library.

Honorable mention certificates will also be given. The library is recognizing all participants by displaying all entries in the public libraries during National Library Week, which began Sunday.

This year's winners are:

Preschool: Winner, Candice Childress; Honorable Mention: Justin Benboe, Emerald Brown.

Kindergarten: Winner: Margaux DeRoux; Honorable Mention: Jake Jacoby, Chelsea Walden, Robbie Roberts.

1st Grade: Winner: Ethan Moskio; Honorable Mention: Sommers J. Cole, Evan Gaffney, Lisa Mitchell.

2nd Grade: Winner: Katie Zenter; Honorable Mention: Renee Stevens, Stephanie Nylan, Ben Shakespeare.

3rd Grade: Winner: Erika Carls; Honorable Mention: Michael Mackinnon, Erin Williams, Jennifer Stan.

4th Grade: Winner: Todd Kirtley; Honorable Mention: Kevin Simpson, Tory Thompson, Miah Lager.

5th Grade: Winner: Heath Noble; Honorable Mention: Carolyn

J-D HIGHLIGHTS

According to coach Fran Conger, this year's team is unique because "it's the most dedicated team I've seen since I began coaching here (JDHS)."

The team has had to show dedication with the "frustrating" weather conditions.

"Our jump areas are still under a foot of snow," said Conger.

At this time, Conger is coaching sprints, Nancy Thomas coaches distance runners, Mark Greely the jumps and Al Carlson volunteers time to work with the shot put discus throwers.

Conger believes this year's coaching staff, like this year's team, "works well together."

The coaches' main emphasis their team right now is conditioning.

"If you're in top condition, technique will come easier," explained Conger.

Practices run Monday through

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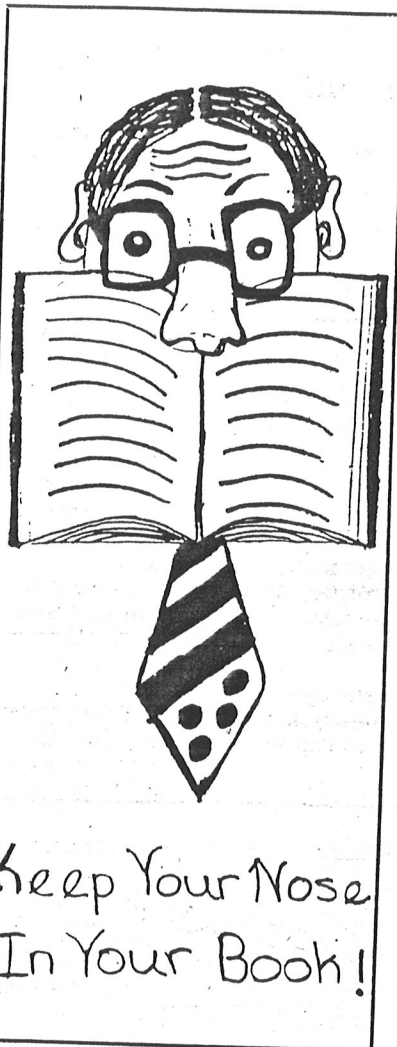
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One of my favorite commercials is an advertisement for carpets. It's the one where a child drops a pie of chocolate cake. Before it hits the floor, his mother, across the room, leaps into the air and sails in under the plate like Wade Boggs sliding into home. As she makes the catch with one hand, there is wild applause.

The ultimate nightmare of mothers everywhere is entering a non-child home. I used to look upon these domiciles as war zones: celery green carpets mined with glass coffee tables, flocked wallpaper covering light switches, little soaps in the guest bath, and pianos that were never played. There was always a piano.

After instructions to "Don't touch anything we can't afford," I offered my own prayer as we approached the front door. "Please God, don't let there be a little Persian rug to roll up in, a collection of blown glass miniatures, three levels of stairs, and cookies that crumble. Could there once be a home without a dog to chase, a bathroom that can't be unlocked from the outside, or a hostess who doesn't fill the grape juice to the top of the glass? Forgive me, but is it too much to ask that the water be shut off? And perchance if my children in the guest room, please let him fall out of the bed before he wets."

On the other hand, people who live in non-children homes look upon visiting toddlers as demolition balls that slobber. They have their side, too. A woman who insists on remaining anonymous complains that people should watch their children more closely:



Eighth-grade winner: Bookmark by Katrina Hamilton.

7th Grade: Winner: Kevin Wilson.

6th Grade: Winner: Dortehea Tribble; Honorable Mention: Toby Carroll, Tandy Worrell.

5th Grade: Winner: Teresa Hanrahan; Honorable Mention: Susan Oliva, Tiffany Sweat, Doug Patsy.

4th Grade: Winner: Katrina Hamilton; Honorable Mention: Natalie Watson, Megan Thomas, Lucy Jones.

Plans center on children during th