

ALASKA OPENS NEW CIVIC CENTER – THE PALINDROME

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JUNEAU, AK- After six years, work was completed today on the latest in state capital convention centers. The brainchild of Alaska governor Sarah Palin, the new center will be a key asset in Juneau's bid to become a destination for associations holding conventions in popular tourist destinations. This sparkling new civic center, known as the Palindrome, lies in the heart of downtown Juneau on Kayak Street across from the headquarters of Snow Bank.

"It's amazing," said Tom Mot, of Aksala, Alaska, "when you stand in the exact middle of the Palindrome, each side is a mirror image of the other." Some find that gazing at the mirror rim can be disorienting. "Was it a car or a cat I saw?" asked poor Anna Marie Iramanna. "A Toyota," replied her husband Bob.

The cornerstone, which reads 2002, belies the fact that the initial inspiration for the Palindrome occurred many years ago, in 1991, when Juneau first recognized its need for a new convention center. "Governor Palin's tireless efforts over the past few years made this a reality," said Stewart Rawets, Director of the Palindrome. "We owe it all to her." Governor Palin indeed wrote ten memoranda in support of the center before the plan was accepted by the State Council on Development. "Some men interpret nine memos," said Palin, "before they see the light."

Visitors to the Palindrome are encouraged to be respectful of others and leave it just the way they found it. Upon exiting, most do exclaim over its perfectly symmetrical construction, but some are known to utter strange, irrelevant things as they exit. "Was it Eliot's toilet I saw?" asked Dr. Ellerd. A passing nun replied, "Sums are not set as a test on Erasmus."

The S-levels of the Palindrome are also home to the Llama Mall, which contains a wide variety of shops and restaurants that never cease to surprise and delight, as evidenced by these comments: "I first thought I would be reviled by it, but it did deliver." "I went in expecting a lot of Spam, but left with some new maps." "I went in feeling stressed, but I discovered they sell great desserts." "I brought in a lost drawer, and I got a reward," said another. "And I returned a diaper to Babies R Us, and got repaid." "When I decided to stop in, I came out with some pots." "Downtown Juneau was facing doom, but now it's in good mood."

The Palindrome, located at 717 Kayak, is open each day from noon till 9:09 pm.