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China Retaliation Worsens Trade War

By STAN CHOE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street's worst crisis since COVID slammed into a higher gear today.

The S&P 500 lost 6% after China matched President Donald Trump's big raise in tariffs announced earlier this week. The move increased the stakes in a trade war that could end with a recession that hurts everyone. Not even a better-than-expected report on the U.S. job market, which is usually the economic highlight of each month, was enough to stop the slide.

The drop closed the worst week for the S&P 500 since March 2020, when the pandemic ripped through the global economy. The Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 2,231 points, or 5.5% and the Nasdaq composite tumbled 5.8% to pull more than 20% below its record set in December.

So far there have been few, if any, winners in financial markets from the trade war. Stocks for all but 14 of the 500 companies within the S&P 500 index fell Friday. The price of crude oil tumbled to its lowest level since 2021. Other basic building blocks for economic growth, such as copper, also saw prices slide on worries the trade war will weaken the global economy.

China's response to U.S. tariffs caused an immediate acceleration of losses in markets worldwide. The Commerce Ministry in Beijing said it would respond to the 34% tariffs imposed by the U.S. on imports from China with its own 34% tariff on im-

ports of all U.S. products beginning April 10. The United States and China are the world's two largest economies.

Markets briefly recovered some of their losses after the release of Friday morning's U.S. jobs report, which said employers accelerated their hiring by more last month than economists expected. It's the latest signal that the U.S. job market has remained relatively solid through the start of 2025, and it's been a linchpin keeping the U.S. economy out of a recession.

But that jobs data was backward looking, and the fear hitting financial markets is about what's to come.

"The world has changed, and the economic conditions have changed," said Rick Rieder, chief investment officer of global fixed income at BlackRock.

The central question looking ahead is: Will the trade war cause a global recession? If it does, stock prices may need to come down even more than they have already. The S&P 500 is down 17.4% from its record set in February.

Trump seemed unfazed. From Mar-a-Lago, his private club in Florida, he headed to his golf course a few miles away after writing on social media that "THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO GET RICH."

The Federal Reserve could cushion the blow of tariffs on the economy by cutting interest rates, which can encourage companies and households to borrow and spend. But the Fed may have less freedom to move than it would like.

SEARHC To Host Meeting With Public

By ANNA LAFFREY
Sentinel Staff Writer

Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium leadership and the Sitka Community Health Council will hold an annual listening session from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Sitkans can ask SEARHC leaders questions during a Q&A portion of the annual event, which was rescheduled from March 17 because of a network outage scheduled in Sitka at that time, SEARHC said in a Facebook post.

Sitka's Community Health Council advises SEARHC on local health needs, and gives input and recommendations on the quality of care provided at SEARHC clinical facilities.

The once-yearly public meeting of SEARHC with the Community Council is required as part of the 2019 purchase agreement for Sitka Community

Hospital between SEARHC and the City and Borough of Sitka.

Conversations at this year's meeting could center on progress of construction of the new Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center hospital that will be about twice the size of the current hospital.

Juneau-based SEARHC spokesperson Matt Carle said Thursday that the annual meeting typically provides "kind of a comprehensive overview on what's happening (in Sitka) locally in the community as it relates to our health care presence.

"We have a number of our leadership, both on the administrative side and the clinical side, that will be available providing overviews on various sections, and then we'll transition into the Q&A, the public forum session," Carle said.

Giving an update on the construc-

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Dance instructors Juls Bicki and Danny Ryan pose with their daughter, Iyla Bicki-Ryan age 6. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

Ballet Project, Teachers Set to Spring Into Action

GARLAND KENNEDY
Sentinel Staff Writer

A new ballet program will open its doors today, with modest offerings this spring and plans for additional programming in the fall when the Southeast Ballet Conservatory takes its first steps on the dance floor.

Taught by a husband and wife duo, Danny Ryan and Juls Bicki, the conservatory's spring offerings aim to give young dancers an introduction not just to ballet but to the instructors, who work at the Sitka Fine Arts Camp although the conservatory isn't affiliated with it.

The programs slated to begin today are "us introducing ourselves to the community," co-director Danny Ryan told the Sentinel. "It's 'Hey, here we are. We welcome you to join us. See if this is something that you like. Let's see if this is something that we can work together to build.' We want to make sure that we are reaching everybody, and

that everybody knows that they have an opportunity to dance. We look forward to teaching, especially with the younger classes, coordination, musicality, physicality, how all these things come together in a dance environment."

Beginning today through May 9, Ryan and Bicki will teach intermediate and advanced ballet classes, and another class on ballet's role in contemporary dance for kids age 10 and older in the dance studio above Odess Theater on the SJ Campus.

Classes for younger students will take place on Saturdays, also starting this week and continuing into May. There's a pre-ballet offering for those as young as 3 or 4 years old, though that class is now full, along with introductory ballet classes for kids ranging up to age 10. The class for 3- and 4-year-old kids is full, with few spots remaining for 5- to 7-year-olds. Over

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Petersburg artists Pia Reilly, left, and Suzanne Fuqua set up labels under their paintings this afternoon at the Sitka Public Library. The women are hosting a reception for the show tonight from 5 to 7 p.m. Their art will be on

display through the end of the month. Sitkans have the opportunity to see more art Saturday during the Greater Sitka Arts Council Art Walk from 4 to 8 p.m. at downtown businesses. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

Sitka Shops to Show Off Wares in Spring Art Walk

SHANNON HAUGLAND
Sentinel Staff Writer

Visual art, music, food and fundraising will be on display Saturday night in the three-hour Art Walk downtown.

"We've got some unique experiences this year," said Bobbi Jordan, an artist and a member of the Greater Sitka Arts Council board. She cited the inclusion of youth art and fundraisers at some of the 18 participating businesses in this year's walk.

"You've got a wide variety of art presented," Jordan said.

The event, sponsored and organized by the Greater Sitka Arts Council, will take place downtown from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5.

GSAC sponsors the art walk twice a year, in fall and spring, giving Sitkans a chance to view exhibits, listen to music, enjoy snacks, and visit with artists and each other while taking in "all the amazing art in our town," Jordan said.

Bette Gray, a board member who has taken on organizing duties this year, said she hadn't experienced art walks in other communities she's lived in, and loved the ones she found in Sitka.

"I always thought it was so fun to be able to go in and out of businesses, and see different artists," she said. It's been a twice-yearly ritual she's enjoyed with mother-in-law, Janet Clarke, as

they stroll around downtown, run into friends, socialize, purchase "more than I expect," and take in the art.

This year, Gray will add to the experience by participating as an artist as well. She and fellow employees of the Old Harbor Books and the neighboring BackDoor Cafe will exhibit their own work. Gray, who is a beginning artist, will show off some watercolors.

A good start for most in the art walk is picking up paper "passports" available at all the businesses taking part. Walkers are challenged to collect stamps from the galleries and businesses they visit. Those collecting 10 or more stamps can turn in their passports at Island Artists Co-op to enter a drawing for prizes.

Some of the other businesses also have drawings for prizes in addition to exhibits and food. Some businesses will have extended hours, and offer special promotions.

Jessica Pyatt will host not only the work of two artists, Michelle Snowden and Holly Morris, but will have an open house for her new business, Alpine Physical Therapy, at 206 Seward Street, Unit B. The winner of the drawing at her place will receive a free muscle skeletal mobility strength evaluation. Her hours during artwalk are different from others, from 3 to 6 p.m.

At Alpine, Michelle Snowden will exhibit artwork in the "stippling" format (pen art dot), along with watercolors. Another is Holly Morris, whose work incorporates her experience as a geologist, with "a unique blend of structures colors, textures and designs observed in nature ..." from Southeast Alaska and Southwest U.S.

Sitka Lighthouse Store will feature Sitka High School artists whose work is inspired by the Sitka Lighthouse, which can be seen from town. Store owner Teal West said she's looking forward to seeing Sitkans out and about enjoying downtown Lincoln Street, and proud that the work of her daughter, Vada, 16, will be featured in her store.

West was the organizer of First Fridays in an effort to get more people out at night in the business community, and plans to reignite that effort through her new nonprofit, Sitka Local Merchants Association.

"It's my goal to invigorate the downtown business district with more shopping events, like the art walk, going forward," she said.

Fait Accompli will have drawings for prizes all night long, and host a musician in their new apparel store.

Among the stores hosting fundraisers are Alaska Pure Sea Salt, where half of sales proceeds from Sweet Sisters

Caramels will go to Sitka Trail Works; Harry Race will host a fundraiser for the Young Performers Theater group to travel to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

A few businesses are hosting musicians, including Salty Life Studio, where Juliana Figueroa will be entertaining visitors singing some rock tunes, boleros and mariachi in both Spanish and English, with backing tracks.

Originally from Mexico, near the border with Arizona, Figueroa came to Sitka four years ago at the invitation of her brother, Julio, the owner of Yuyo's. She has been singing since the age of three. "Singing has always been my dream," she said.

Art Walk participants include:

Alaska Pure Sea Salt, 338 Lincoln St., Sweet Sisters Caramels, STW fundraiser

Alaskan Designed, 401 Lincoln St., Josh Ragnes (pottery)

Alpine Physical Therapy, 206 Seward St., Unit B, Michelle Snowden (drawings & watercolors), Holly Morris (visual art)

Artist Cove Gallery, 401 Lincoln St., Katie Mulligan (paintings)

Bev's Flowers & Gifts, 213 Harbor Dr., Juliette Langley (ceramics), Adam Lechowicz (guitar)

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Kake Team Collects Sitka Herring for Science

By ANNA LAFFREY
Sentinel Staff Writer

The F/V Christina Dawn pulled into Kake Thursday on a 115-mile return trip from Sitka with a fish hold full of herring eggs on hemlock branches to be distributed to 160 households in the Kupreanof Island village.

The herring eggs were gathered from waters near Sitka by a small crew of Kake residents on behalf of the Organized Village of Kake. The crew spent about ten days in Sitka harvesting the customary and traditional food for the people of Kake, and also to support ongoing research into the possibility of restoring herring runs to coastlines near the village.

Justin McDonald, who is the Natural Resource Coordinator for OVK, and Russell James, a Seacoast Indigenous Guardian for OVK, traveled to Sitka just before massive schools of herring showed up, as they do each spring, to spawn in Sitka Sound.

Paul Rostad, who runs the seiner Christina Dawn, and longtime crewman Mike Bruce joined up with McDonald and James in Sitka to support the harvest.

In Kake, the community's preparations for the harvest began before the roe harvesters departed for Sitka.

When community members heard last month that the harvesters needed large plastic containers for use as buoys for the hemlock branches that would be used to gather herring roe, many people "came out of the woodwork with different jugs," McDonald said in interview Monday.

The OVK team also cut and "brought trees from Kéex' Kwáan territory to get eggs and bring them back," McDonald said. The harvesters even brought their own rocks from



ABOVE - Justin McDonald, left, and Russell James led this year's herring egg harvest for the Organized Village of Kake, which coincides with the tribe's efforts to transplant herring eggs to Kake waters in order to reintroduce strong herring returns there.

RIGHT - Mike Bruce and Paul Rostad guide a hemlock tree full of herring eggs aboard the Christina Dawn. (Photos Provided)

Kake to use as anchors for the trees. OVK harvesters contacted Sitka Tribe of Alaska and spoke with members of the Kiks.ádi clan of Sitka "just for permission to harvest in these areas," McDonald said.

He said that OVK hopes to give two moose to STA for its tribal citizens in exchange for the opportunity to harvest herring eggs from the Sitka area.



As herring spawning took off around Sitka Sound on March 22, the Kake crew was just arriving in town.

Soon after their arrival, McDonald, James, Rostad and Bruce splashed their hemlock trees in waters with "visible spawn" and left them to soak and for herring to spawn on.

Early on in the harvest, the crew members checked on the trees that

they'd set in the water around Kasiana Island, where thick layers of eggs were deposited on many harvesters' branches this year.

"We were just amazed after one night of sitting how much actually grew on it," McDonald said. The crew also set trees around Middle and Crow Islands, he said.

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Letters to the Editor

Supports Ballot Measure

Dear Editor: Enough Sitkans’ signatures to vote on a good plan for a healthy tourist season were gathered quickly. A surprising diversity of signers are interested: old Sitkans, newly arrived Sitkans, conservative Sitkans, retail-oriented Sitkans, Sitkans interested in not being overrun. Many of the residents I talked with had one of two major problems with the current tourist scheme: it is forced, and there is no end to more crowding and congestion.

The onslaught of summer cruise tourists is a taking of public amenities, public space, and public facilities for private profit. It is also a taking of public communications, as internet access is weakened or defeated citywide during heavy tourist days. There is a taking of public safety: try getting a fire engine or ambulance or both down Lincoln Street when it is closed off, or past buses that are too large to pull over. Public health is compromised when tourists crowd urgent care clinics in an effort to avoid predatory prices at on-board medical facilities, so there is a taking of expected health care.

By just about any assessment, these takings add up to something well within the definition of a public nuisance, and the city should be looking for some form of abatement or control. In a larger sense, we are seeing and pained by a tragedy of the commons. One holder of the common interest takes over space, beauty, access, use, and enjoyment held as an entitlement by everyone, and in so doing takes and spoils the expectation of enjoyment. This is an excellent example of socializing costs and privatizing profits.

The city points to tax revenues as compensation for overcrowding and loss of enjoyment. Such a transaction is wrong for several reasons. Revenues make city administration easier, and are coveted for that reason, but revenues are categorically different from and no replacement for the public space, public ambiance, and public safety that are being bartered. More simply, the city is not receiving nearly the money it is entitled to, and may well lose much of the revenue it is counting on. The tourist head tax, specified as a price and a compensation, has not been corrected over decades of inflation. The destructive road wear of bus traffic means that we will have potholes long before the state chips in with road repair. The state may arrogate the sales tax to itself.

City policy must, for the public interest, require a cap or limit on the number of cruise passengers turned loose in Sitka at any one time. Right now, the city of Sitka concedes and agrees that each resident has the absolute right to discharge half a million (or more) random persons into the streets and environs of Sitka between April and October, with no provision for controlling them and every access to city-funded benefits. We are well past carrying capacity in terms of comfort and practicality.

Sitka has always welcomed and charmed tourists. We should continue showing off this exceptional town. But not at the levels of overcrowded congestion that are now being dictated. Rather than being forced by dollar-driven strategists to comply with when and how many passengers traipse ashore, the city should authorize and support SmallTownSOUL’s very reasonable outline for a profitable tourist season. Instead of having the tourist load forced on us, and unlimited by any realistic agreement, it makes excellent sense to try a schedule agreeable to Sitka and the enthusiastic visitors who arrive here.

Floyd Tomkins, Sitka

SEARHC Meeting

Dear Editor: SEARHC’s Community Health Council meeting has been re-scheduled to April 7 at Centennial Hall, meeting in Room 1 from noon to 1 p.m.

This is our only opportunity this year to tell SEARHC administration how their policies have affected us. Perhaps your family was caught up in the Home Health debacle, stranded in Anchorage unable to come home because care providers in the home now are seldom available.

Or, maybe, you are struggling to

help a parent pay for the “co-pays” for services that once were free under the Medicare approved Home Health program SEARHC gutted. Are you finding it difficult to get SEARHC billing overcharges corrected, because billing is outsourced? How easy has it been for you to check your bill for accuracy? Maybe you are still waiting, for a sign that will identify the Outpatient lab?

Are you frustrated with SEARHC’s lack of transparency or seeming disregard for the people it professes to care about?

Last year, when Home Health was an issue, the yearly Community Meeting was re-scheduled then changed to Zoom only, with a very limited number of participants. Some of the stories were heartbreaking and made you cry. Some made you angry. The biggest take-away for me, however, was realizing that some of the non-administration members of the council were unaware of what was happening in our community. How would they know? After the meeting, Dr. Bruhl announced that the minutes or video of the meeting would not be released as they were the “property” of SEARHC. OK.

These are difficult times. SEARHC is a near monopoly in Southeast now. Much of the health care industry is now owned by equity corporations. Medicare and Medicaid are on the chopping block in Washington, D.C. It feels discouraging but look at what is happening across the world, across our own country down to Sitka’s roundabout. People are turning out, being seen and demanding better. It’s impossible to sweep issues under the carpet.

Please show up for this Community Health Council Meeting. Be respectful. Be seen and be heard.

Mary Ann Peterson, Sitka

School Funding

Dear Editor: Our public schools are facing a funding crisis, and now is the time for Sitkans to take action. House Bill (HB) 69, which would increase the per-student funding – known as the Base Student Allocation or BSA – by \$1,000, has moved out of the Senate Education Committee and is now in the hands of the Senate Finance Committee. It is crucial that we make our voices heard to ensure this bill gets the hearing it deserves and moves toward a vote.

Public education in Alaska has been underfunded for far too long. The impact is clear in our classrooms – larger class sizes, fewer resources, and the loss of vital programs that help students thrive. We now have a real opportunity to show our legislators know we value strong public education and want to invest in our children’s future.

We encourage every Sitkan – parents, business owners, educators, and concerned citizens – to contact Sen. Bert Stedman and the Senate Finance Committee. Every email, phone call, and letter matters.

Please join us in calling on Sen. Bert Stedman and the Senate Finance Committee to schedule a hearing on HB 69 and support the \$1,000 BSA increase. Share your concerns about the future of our public schools, and let them know how urgently our schools need this funding.

Contact information:

–Senator Bert Stedman’s office: (907) 465-3873, Senator.Bert.Stedman@akleg.gov;

–Senate.Finance.Committee@akleg.gov.

Our schools are the foundation of Sitka’s future. We admire Senator Stedman’s past record on supporting community priorities with an eye toward efficient government. Let’s stand together and remind our leaders that investing in education is investing in Alaska’s future.

With gratitude,

Elizabeth and Justin Bagley
Beth Short-Rhoads
Lisa Busch, Angie Bowers
Kimberly and Mitch Mork
Valerie Edwards, Sarah Lawrie
Maggie Gallin and Kevin Knox
Christian Litten, Lauren Wild
Kate Johnson
Brian and Amy McLaughlin
Janet and Dan Gray
Darryl Rehkopf, Geof Goudeau
Ariane Goudeau, Brooke Rivera
David and Cheryl Vastola
Kristine Fulton, Hillary Nutting
Margaret Galanin, Logan Wild
Julie Doggett, Toby Campbell
Bette Edwards, Erika Knox
Paul Rioux, Lisa Teas Conaway
Blake Conaway, Jenna Peterson
Katherine and Aaron Prussian
Pat Heuer, Jacque Foss
Alana Peterson, Matt Hunter

Weather

Sitka Forecast

Tonight expect a low of 42 degrees with rain and wind to 25 mph, possibly gusting to 40. Saturday, a high of 51 degrees, rain and wind gusting as high as 35 mph, with an overnight low of 43 degrees, more rain and wind 15-20 mph. On Sunday expect a high of 51 degrees with rain and wind gusting as high as 50 mph, followed by an overnight low of 42 and, yes, more rain. Monday will be rainy with temps ranging from 43 to 49 degrees.

Sitka Weather

Temperatures ranged from 36 to 49 degrees, winds were calm and no rain was logged in the 24 hours ending at midnight last night. Sitka Flight Service Station reports.

COMMENTARY

MEHS Student Learns More About Subsistence

By NAOMI JONES
Alaska Beacon

I have been subsistence harvesting since I was born. Whether from being by the fish-cutting table or helping package moose for the freezer, I’ve always been right there helping. I am from Tyonek, which is on the west side of the Cook Inlet, and currently a senior at Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka.

Living in a rural village is hard, especially when you have to order your groceries from Anchorage and have them sent down by plane. In certain weather conditions, this is when having subsistence foods on hand is important. Subsistence foods like baleek (smoked salmon strips), ganut (the salmon meat we cut off to make baleek), salmon fillets, moose jerky, moose meat, and more. While putting these foods away, I was taught to show respect to the animals we harvest, how to care for them, and to thank them for their sacrifice to feed my family.

Being so intertwined with our ways of life with my family and community pushed me to take the Federal Subsistence Board Policy and Procedures class at the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Campus, a dual enrollment class offered by UAS with the Sitka Conservation Society and U.S. Forest Service.

Before learning about this class, I had never heard of these processes before and didn’t realize that we had regulations on subsistence that people discussed, decided on, and made changes to. Taking the class with teachers Heather Bauscher and Ashley Bolwerk showed me the importance of subsistence for rural communities across Alaska. An example of this would be the closing of units 11, 12 and 13 due to the decline of the caribou herd. I saw how important this food source was to the people in those communities, but I also saw how important it was to those communities to see that herd continue to grow and flourish. That showed me how much we as rural people give up for the environment and for the animals that we harvest. We aren’t interested in over-harvesting these animals, because if we did, what would we have to eat or use for traditional crafts when there was no more?

This class showed me how much our regional advisory councils listen to the voices in their communities, and that they actually bring these concerns to the Federal Subsistence Board. The board members listen to these concerns as well, and they make sure they are doing the right thing for the rural communities across Alaska. It is also just a great experience to see the measures taken for our ways of life. The best part of taking this class was to see how passionate rural Alaskans are about our ways of life and the traditions that are passed down.

Over the past year, I have noticed the importance of involvement in this



Naomi Jones. (Photo provided)

process. Being involved can mean a variety of different things. It can mean just going to a meeting in your region or talking to one of the RAC members. Doing this shows that, as rural Alaskans, we care about our resources and want to keep them. If we don’t use these processes, then what is the point of having them anyway?

Here are some ways Alaskans can be involved in this process: giving testimony at their RAC meeting or the board meeting about their concerns, apply for a seat on their RAC, talk to someone who sits on their RAC, or they can submit a proposal to the RAC. I am hoping to apply to the SouthCentral RAC to represent myself, my family, and most importantly, my community. I recommend this class because I have seen the importance of protecting how we carry and participate in our ways of life. I cannot see myself not doing any subsistence harvesting with my family, and when I even imagine just a little bit, it breaks my heart.

Subsistence creates life. Subsistence creates memories. Subsistence is about love. Subsistence is special. Subsistence is our way of life.

Without subsistence, life is quiet. Without subsistence, I’m not close with my family. Without subsistence, we are not a community. Without subsistence, there is starvation in rural areas. Without subsistence, I see a decay in Alaskan Native traditions. Without subsistence, I see more substance abuse. Without subsistence, there are no funny stories. Without subsistence, I see elders not sharing traditions.

Subsistence creates life. Subsistence creates memories. Subsistence is about love. Subsistence is special. Subsistence is our way of life.

Without subsistence, there is no me. Chiqnik. Thank you.

Naomi Jones, a senior at Mt. Edgecumbe High School, is from Tyonek, where she subsistence fishes and commercially fishes with her family. She is an environmental policy intern at the Sitka Conservation Society.



E-Bikes as a Climate Solution

Land transport accounts for about a third of U.S. carbon emissions, of which about 2/3 is from passenger vehicles. There is a current push to roll back combustion engine emissions standards, making transportation emissions even worse. Converting to electric vehicles (EVs) could significantly reduce vehicle emissions, but our federal administration is eliminating tax credits for EVs, and tariffs will increase EV costs. These policies put more responsibility on city government to address our climate emergency by lowering our community greenhouse gas emissions.

Lowering vehicle miles traveled through more dense residential housing will take decades. Municipal support of public transportation (the RIDE) has been limited to \$25,000/year, and no service exists in evenings and weekends. What options does the Assembly have to motivate a decrease in land transport pollution? A Department of Energy (DOE) report predicted that Sitka’s hydropower is insufficient to electrify both land transportation and home heating, both of which would decrease fossil fuel emissions.

More than 100 cities and six states have recently initiated e-bike incentive programs to decrease vehicular travel,

Sitka Yesterday

20 YEARS AGO

April 2005

Colleen Pellett, CMC, municipal clerk of the City and Borough of Sitka, has been accepted into the second-level membership of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Master Municipal Clerk Academy.

50 YEARS AGO

April 1975

Admitted Friday at Sitka Community Hospital were Harry Goldensupp and Shelia Dean; discharged were Donald Jeske, Roberta and Rodney Cochrane, Gary Winnup and Gail Hammond.

Kay Kreiss, Transition Sitka

Trump Fires Director Of National Security

By LOLITA C. BALDOR and
LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has abruptly fired the director of the National Security Agency, according to U.S. officials and members of Congress, but the White House and the Pentagon have provided no reasons for the move.

Senior military leaders were informed Thursday of the firing of Air Force Gen. Tim Haugh, who also oversaw the Pentagon’s Cyber Command, the officials said. They received no advance notice about the decision to remove a four-star general with a 33-year career in intelligence and cyber operations, according to the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss personnel decisions.

The move has triggered sharp criticism from members of Congress and demands for an immediate explanation. And it marks the latest dismissal of national security officials by Trump at a time when his Republican administration faces criticism over his failure to take any action against other key leaders’ use of an unclassified Signal messaging chat that included The Atlantic Editor-in-Chief Jeffrey Goldberg to discuss plans for a military strike.

It’s unclear who now is in charge of the NSA and the Cyber Command.

Also fired was Haugh’s civilian deputy at the NSA, Wendy Noble.

The NSA notified congressional leadership and top lawmakers of the national security committees of the firing late Wednesday but did not give reasons, according to a person familiar with the situation who insisted on anonymity to discuss the matter. The person said Noble

has been reassigned to the office of the defense undersecretary for intelligence.

The White House did not respond to messages seeking comment. The NSA referred questions about Haugh to the Defense Department. The Pentagon did not respond to questions about why he was fired or provide other details.

Sean Parnell, the chief Pentagon spokesman, would only say, in a statement, that the department thanks Haugh “for his decades of service to our nation, culminating as U.S. Cyber Command Commander and National Security Agency Director. We wish him and his family well.”

Far-right activist and commentator Laura Loomer appeared to take credit Friday in a post on X, saying she raised concerns to Trump about Haugh’s ties to Gen. Mark Milley and the Biden administration and questioned the NSA chief’s loyalty to the president. Milley served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during Trump’s first term but has since become an outspoken critic.

“Given the fact that the NSA is arguably the most powerful intel agency in the world, we cannot allow for a Biden nominee to hold that position,” Loomer wrote. “Thank you President Trump for being receptive to the vetting materials provided to you and thank you for firing these Biden holdovers.”

Loomer, who has claimed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks were an “inside job,” had discussed staff loyalty with Trump in an Oval Office meeting Wednesday, according to several people familiar with the situation who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive personnel manner. A day later, Trump said he fired “some” White House National Security Council officials.

CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA

LEGAL NOTICE
Sustainability Commission

The Sustainability Commission will hold its regular meeting **6:00pm Monday, April 7** in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. Agenda items include approval of the Sitka Community Renewable Energy Strategy guiding principles, discussion/direction/decision on the 2025-2026 Work Plan. The meeting is open to the public; for more information, please contact sustainability@cityofsitka.org or (907) 747-1856.
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LEGAL NOTICE
Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet **12pm Tuesday, April 8, 2025** in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. Agenda items include: Commercial Land Use Permit Applications. The meeting is open to the public. Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Municipal Clerk
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City and Borough Assembly
CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
Meeting Agenda
Assembly Chambers
6:00 PM
Tuesday, April 8, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. FLAG SALUTE
- III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES
- VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

None.

VII. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)

- 1) Planning and Community Development Director Amy Ainslie - Downtown Street Closures & Operations for 2025
- 2) Department Quarterly Reports - Public Works and Harrigan Centennial Hall

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the mayor imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under Item IX Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

A. Approve liquor license renewal applications for Pioneer Liquor, Inc. dba Pioneer Bar and Pioneer Liquor Store at 216 Katlian Street

B. Approve the Health Needs and Human Services Commission 2025 goals

X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

None.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

C. Discussion / Direction / Decision on the Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Fund balance

D. Discussion / Direction / Decision on the Annual General Fund Grants for Non-Profit Organizations Program

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

New Business First Reading

E. ORD 25-07 Adopting budgets and capital improvement plan for the General Fund, Internal Service Funds, and Special Revenue Funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

F. ORD 25-08 Adopting the budget and capital improvement plan for Enterprise Funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, amending rates in Title 15 “Public Utilities” of the Sitka General Code and adopting moorage rates and other harbor fees

G. ORD 25-06 Amending Title 14 “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places” of the Sitka General Code by amending Chapter 14.05 “Public Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities, Land, and Trails”

Additional New Business Items

H. Accept the donation of an AirFloor from the Sitka Recreation Foundation for Parks and Recreation

I. Discussion / Decision on rescheduling the May 27 regular Assembly meeting to May 29

XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Public participation on any item on or off the agenda. Not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual.

XIV. REPORTS

a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not anticipated.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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A GOD FRAME OF MIND



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Serene and assured, the elevated feeling of living in God’s love, settled on God’s Word...this is a God frame of mind. With a God frame of mind we may not experience stress as often because we are less likely to worry and judge and more likely to love. We require less of the people around us, and more of God. To gain a God frame of mind begin by coming to know the Creator. Meet others who live in God’s love, read His Word, and come to Him in prayer and meditation. All these things are waiting for you at your house of worship.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
30	31	33	34	40	41	42

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

214 Kimsham St. • 747-5848
office@sitkaag.org
Lead Pastor - Ryan Gluth
Family Pastor - Kelly Smith
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. (Nursery & Kids Ministry Offered)
Wednesday Family Night 6:30-8 p.m. Adult Small Groups & Kid's Ministry
Sitka AG YTH: 6-12th Grades • Sunday 5-6:30 p.m.
www.sitkaag.org • facebook.com/sitkaag

BAHA'I FAITH

The Baha'is of Sitka meet for community prayers via video conference from 6-6:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to join our devotionals. A monthly informational "fireside" will be held from 7-8 p.m. the 2nd Thursday of each month. For details, contact the Baha'is of Sitka: Email: info@sitkabahai.org • PO Box 2444, Sitka • 623-0802 • sitkabahai.org

CALVARY CHAPEL SITKA

Sunday service at 2:30 p.m. at 502 Hirst Street
Sunday pre-service prayer at 2 p.m.
Pastor Dug Jensen, 747-5454, calvarysitka.com
Men's Bible Study Thursdays 6:30 p.m. at 305 Moller Ave.
Women's Bible Study Thursdays 6:30 p.m. at 502 Hirst Street
Thursday Prayer for Christ's Will for our Children, Church & Country, noon at 305 Moller Ave.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

1113 Edgecombe Dr., Preacher Joel Warner
(907) 252-2141 or (907) 747-5859
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Bible Class 10 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

All are welcome to come and worship with us.
Sawmill Creek Road & Shotgun Alley
www.churchofjesuschrist.org
Bishop Keith Brady: 747-8991 or 738-7047
Sacrament Meeting: Sunday at 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Primary, Relief Society, Elders: Sunday at 11:10 a.m.
Genealogy Library Hours: Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.

ChristImage

215A Smith Street
Sunday night service @ 6p.m.
www.christimage.org

ECKANKAR

Religion of the Light & Sound of God
Worship services held monthly. More information: 747-8902

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SITKA

Pastor: Craig Dunbar. Affiliated Southern Baptist Convention
514 Halibut Point Road, Near AC Lakeside Grocery Store
747-8684
Meeting times:
Sunday 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. age level Bible studies, 11 a.m. worship service
Nursery ages 0-3 provided for Bible studies and worship times.
Wednesday small group meets at 6:30 p.m.

GRACE HARBOR

1904 Halibut Point Road
Pastor Eric Holmgren, 907-747-5706
Please check our website and "Events" for current Sunday School and Teen Offerings
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Children's Church (up to age ~12) 10:30 a.m.
Middle and High School Youth Groups alternating Fridays 5:30 more info: https://www.sitkagraceharbor.com

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELS)

Services Sunday 10:30 a.m.
304 Tilson St., 747-6938
info@sitkalutheran.net • www.sitkalutheran.net/
• www.facebook.com/sitkalutheran/

THE SALVATION ARMY

405 Sawmill Creek Blvd., 747-3358
Majors Joe and Flo Murray
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Women's Ministries at Tuesday 2 p.m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

1613 Halibut Point Road, 747-8855 •
http://sitkaadventistchurch.org
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday
Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Saturday
KQQS 89.3 FM Christian Radio

SITKA JEWISH COMMUNITY

Information: 747-1608. Shabbas Davening 10:30 a.m., Torah Mysticism Class, 5 p.m. followed by Mincha. More info & candle lighting times: 738-1608.

SITKA LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

224 Lincoln Street, 747-3338 • P.O. Box 598
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. in person and via Zoom
Email: sitkalutheranchurch@gmail.com
Webpage: www.sitkalutheranchurch.com
For more information on how to join Zoom services, email church at sitkalutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 747-3338.
Sunday School following worship services

SITKA BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

(Independent/fundamental)
Sun. Service: 10:30am Yaw Chapel (Park at Hames, take trail)
Women's Bible Study: Thurs. 7 p.m., Call for location
Officiator Dale Hanson, 747-6498

SITKA CHRISTIAN CENTER

502 Hirst Street, 747-6771, phone 747-5405 fax
Pastor Scott Hutton
Sunday: Prayer, 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Church Service, 10:30 a.m.;
Sunday Morning Children's Church, 11:00 a.m.;
Tuesday Early Morning Prayer, 6:00 a.m.;
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.;

SITKA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

305 Lake Street, 747-8115 (office)
Pastor Chuck Haskins
Sunday Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.

SITKA UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

408 Marine Street, parking behind, off Spruce Street
sitkaufellowship@gmail.com facebook.com/SitkaUU
A Fellowship led by the Members Sunday Service 10:45am, come at 10:30 am for coffee and conversation
A simple lunch of soup and bread follows the service.
SUUF is an inclusive humanitarian community with shared values including: justice, equity, generosity, pluralism, interdependence, transformation and LOVE.

ST. GREGORY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

605 Lincoln Street • 747-8371
Father Joseph McGilloway
Daily Mass at 12:05 p.m. Monday – Friday in the Main Church.
Saturday: 5 p.m. Mass
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mass
Confessions: Saturdays 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. or by appointment 907-747-8371
Adoration: Saturdays 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sundays 7 a.m.-8 a.m.
Updates placed on the parish Facebook page.
We open the main sanctuary from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S OF THE ARCHANGEL ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

240 Lincoln Street, Phone: 747-8120
Father Herman Belt
Sunday 9 a.m. - Hours and Divine Liturgy
Tuesday 5 p.m. - Akathist to Our Lady of Sitka
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
Thursday 5 p.m. - Akathist (rotating)
Saturday 5 p.m. - Vigil

ST. PETER'S-BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

611 Lincoln Street/P.O. Box 1130
stpeters-sitka.org
The Rev. Julie Platson, Rector
The Rev. Kathryn Snelling, Deacon
The Rev. Glenda Quintana, Deacon
Sunday services are held in person at 9 a.m. in person and on zoom.
The church is open daily for persons to stop in for a time of quiet, rest, and prayer.
For other current services, programs and Zoom info, please email the church at stpetersbytheseak@gmail.com or call (907) 747-3977.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SITKA

303 Kimsham St., 747-8775
Pastor Bennie Grace Nabua
E-mail: umc@umcsitka.com, Website: umcsitka.com
Sunday Morning Service @10, Sunday Children's Church @10
Service is also livestreamed at https://www.facebook.com/umcsitka.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

101 Cascade Creek Road • (907) 690-0292
Pastor Patrick Miller
Sunday Worship Service 3 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

SJ Museum, Friends List Series, Meeting

Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum and Sheldon Jackson Museum have announced the Spring Share Your Culture/Share Your Research Speaker Series lineup and guest speaker for the May 3 annual meeting.

The series and meeting include a combination of in-person and virtual events.

The upcoming speaker series events will include:

Adrienne Fleek (Tlingit) “Beaded Edgewood and Cabachon Application Earring Tutorial” noon Wednesday, April 2, Zoom only.

Visit www.zoom.com and input meeting ID and passcode below or use link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82724353712?pwd=SfUu0zvFXFx-4aB8ehsQ4gVOct2pMWN.1. Meeting ID: 827 2435 3712. Passcode: beading.

“The Forgotten Canoe” will be presented by Jan Steinbright (non-Indigenous) at noon on Thursday, April 10, in person and by Zoom. Visit www.zoom.com and input meeting ID and passcode below or use link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85130359242?pwd=4tspqDG1zeZjkc5C0GFhm1fZ-Re6qC5.1. Meeting ID: 851 3035 9242. Passcode: canoe.

Ursual Hudson (Tlingit) will present “Elevating Female-Gendered Art Practices for Collective Prosperity” via Zoom noon Wednesday, April 30. Visit www.zoom.com and input meeting ID and passcode below or use link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88346112727?pwd=AA8uV0YS4BvCy95btQ0c4bze-SsbkEd.1. Meeting ID: 883 4611 2727. Passcode: women.

The annual meeting is slated 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3. It will begin with a short business meeting and election for board members. At 2:30 p.m. will be presentation by guest speaker Mike Iqyax Livingston (Unangax”) will give a talk on “Honoring Benny Benson on July 9, 2027.”

Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum expressed appreciation to corporate sponsors for the event, including Sea-level Consulting. Livingston’s presentation will be in-person at the Sheldon Jackson Museum and simultaneously on Zoom. Visit www.zoom.com and input meeting ID and passcode below or use link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88456656142?pwd=LwSTuqfmxTp-wSe7nOkzv6aJA8zt9W.1. Meeting ID: 884 5665 6142. Passcode: flag.

Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. General admission is \$7, \$6 for seniors and free for ages 18 and under and for active military and their families. Admission is waived during the in-person Spring speaker series.



WHITE E GRANT – Karen Grussendorf, White Elephant Board member and volunteer, center, presents members of the Sitka Cancer Survivors Society with a check for \$4,000 recently at the White E Shop. From left are: Carolyn Fredrickson, Jill Scheidt, Grussendorf, Bonnie Richards and Gail Roderick. (Photo provided)

Archbishop Alexei Visits St. Michael’s

For the feast of the Annunciation, His Eminence Archbishop Alexei will make an archpastoral visit to St. Michael’s Cathedral this weekend to celebrate the divine services with the faithful of Sitka.

A 5 p.m. Saturday, April 5, vigil service will be held.

On Sunday, hierarchical divine liturgy will be at 9 a.m. and a candlelit all-night vigil with liturgy begins at 8:30 p.m. at the Russian Bishop’s House, 501 Lincoln Street.

Sitka Unitarians To Meet Sunday

Bruce Gazaway will present “Unitarians and Universalists; Sharing a Tradition of Social Action/Social Justice” at Sunday’s service at the Sitka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

All are invited for coffee at 10:30 a.m., with service starting at 10:45. Bread and soup will follow.

SUUF is an inclusive humanitarian community with shared values including justice, equity, generosity, pluralism, interdependence, transformation, and love, the fellowship said in a news release.

The Fellowship Hall is located at 408 Marine Street. Entrance and parking are located on the Spruce Street side of the building.



Sitka Native Education Program

Celebrating 50 Years

1974-2024



This is another travel photo of the Gajáa Héen Dancers. The dancers used the ferry system to go all over Southeast Alaska. Dancers would do performances aboard the boat to get extra practice in front of an audience of ferry-goers. Pictured here are younger dancers who were likely on their way to Celebration in 1992.

Sitka Native Education Program is celebrating 50 years of reclaiming Haa Kusteeyí, our way of life.
Join us on April 19th, 2025 from Noon to 9PM at the Harrigan Centennial Hall for our 50th Celebration Event.
All are welcome!

AC Lakeside Grocery

This page is presented by AC Lakeside Grocery to all religious faiths of Sitka as a gesture of respect for their devotional influences in our community.

This section is sponsored by:

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I've been with my husband for 19 years, and we have established a loving, stable relationship despite some very tumultuous times. I have always known he finds me attractive, and he compliments my appearance, but many times throughout our marriage, his demeanor toward me has changed if someone more attractive is around. (He repeatedly checks out women while we are on a date, or even pretends not to know me when they walk by.) He has never been unfaithful or anything like that.

He recently told me I'm "very attractive" but not beautiful, and that the women he has disrespected me over in the past were more attractive than I am. His comparisons of me vs. them are uncalled-for and embarrassing and have made me question my appearance. I'm not bothered if he finds people attractive, but to treat me poorly because of it and make distinctions between my looks and theirs makes me feel inadequate and judged.

Are my feelings normal? Isn't it understandable to feel put off, or am I nitpicking, immature and expecting too much? -- ATTRACTIVE, NOT BEAUTIFUL

DEAR ATTRACTIVE: Under the circumstances, your feelings are normal. That your husband would "pretend he doesn't know you" is beyond the pale. It's time to quit looking in the mirror and take a hard look at the person you married. From what you have written, your husband is juvenile, shallow, insensitive and not the sharpest tool in the drawer.

Your husband married you for who you are. What he has been doing is unkind and disrespectful. He shouldn't have to

wear blinders, but he also should not be courting whip-lash ogling women in your presence. Believe me when I say you have my sympathy.

DEAR ABBY: I moved to a small rural town and haven't made many friends yet. I recently gave up on one friend because I can't accept his behavior toward his puppy. He has always been aggressive in disciplining the pup, but in my estimation, he crossed the line. When his pup tried to bolt out the door to greet me, he started beating it and yanked on its collar.

I told my friend this was unacceptable, and I walked home. He followed me and tried to convince me it was normal to smack a puppy, yell at it and yank on the collar to discipline it. I told him I wasn't interested in being friends unless he's willing to take the pup to obedience training. He said he doesn't need to because he's raised many dogs in the past.

Was I unreasonable to insist he take his pup to obedience class as a condition of our continued friendship? -- DOG WHISPERER IN OREGON

DEAR WHISPERER: If you prefer not to be around someone who abuses animals, that is your choice, and I commend you for it. There are better ways to teach puppies how to behave, and one of them is rewarding good behavior rather than instilling fear. However, to insist that this person take his dog to obedience classes (which might be more than he can afford) may have been presumptuous.

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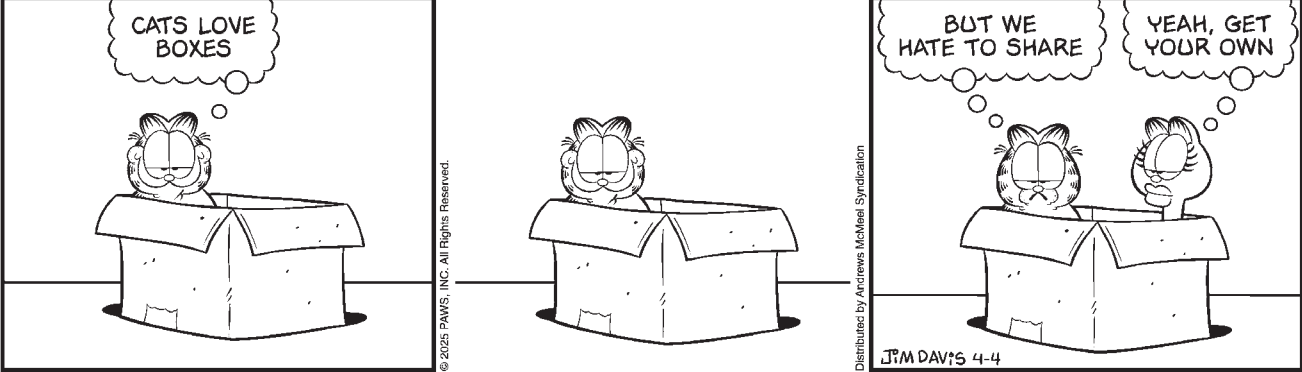
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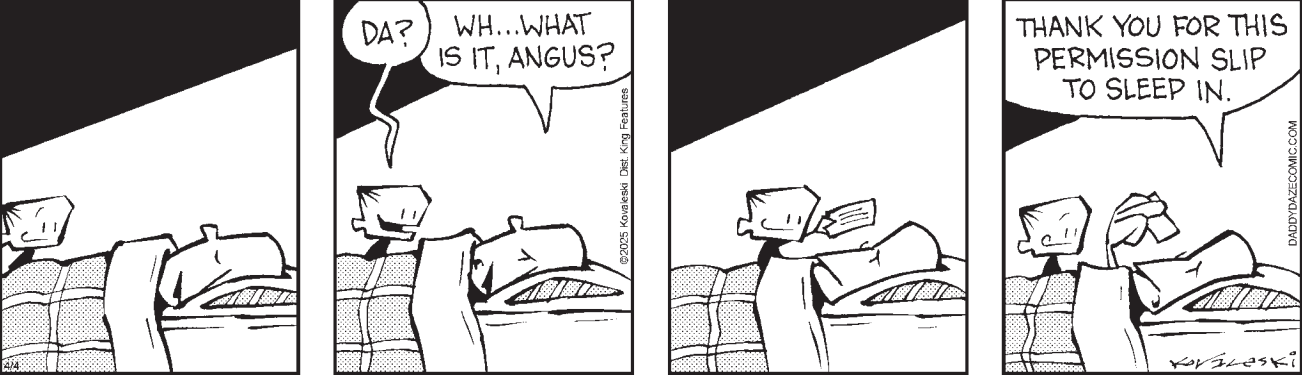
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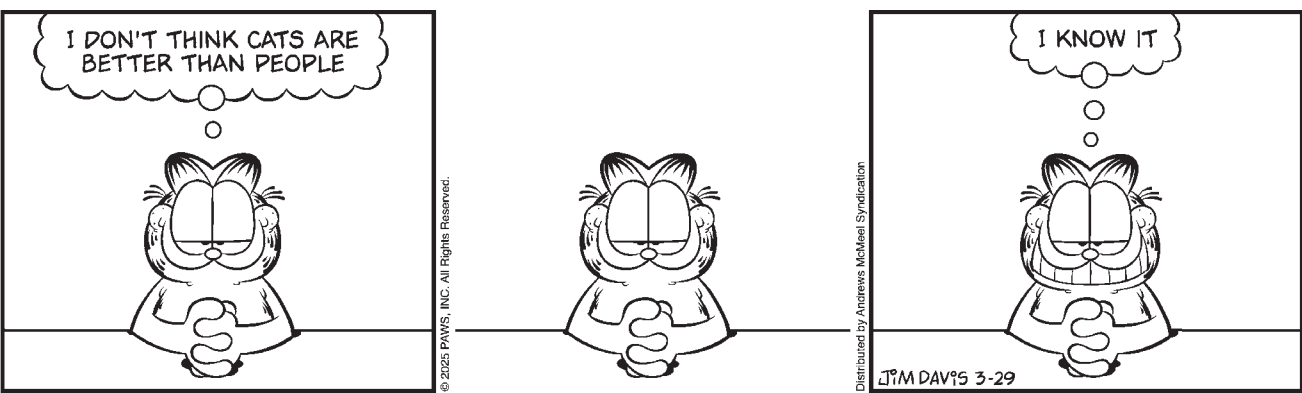
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SATURDAY'S CARTOON...



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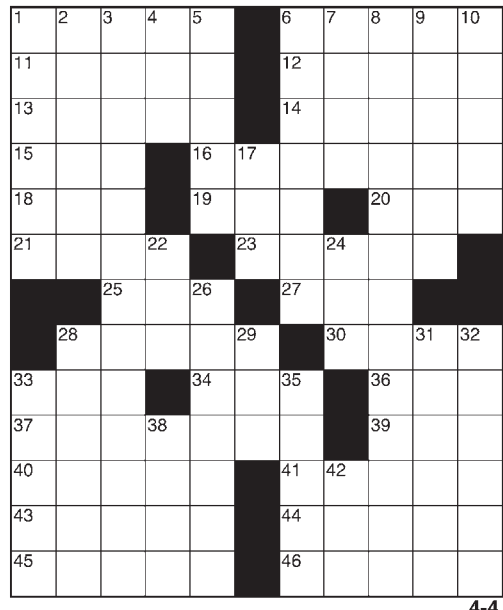
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6 Plotters' group
11 Coral island
12 Sun-dried brick
13 Lofly
14 Lament
15 They hold power
16 Vague answer
18 Lynx or lion
19 Snap
20 Place down
21 Whole lot
23 Nursery resident
25 Retina part
27 Singer Rita
28 Some woodwinds
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33 CBS series with spinoffs
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2 Dis-cordant
3 Seafood soup
4 Wing
5 Go under-cover?
6 Boxer Hector
7 Fusses
8 Seafood soup
9 Overseas
10 Comic Bruce
17 Singer Damone
22 Court
24 Lyricist Gershwin
26 Fiats
28 Turn to bone
29 Command to Fido
31 Wiped clean
32 Oppor-tune
33 Poultry buy
35 Colorado ski resort
38 Give the boot
42 Exalted work



Sitka by the Stars

For Saturday, April 5, 2025

The late morning and early afternoon bode well for running errands and completing home- or family-related obligations. We might also find the day useful for engaging in activities that are designed to improve our emotional well-being, like spending time near a calming body of water or helping people in need. When the late afternoon arrives, the atmosphere will be ripe for heartfelt connections. Meanwhile, the vibe for the evening is best for low-key fun rather than doing anything that requires too much effort.

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
Use the day to complete a home-related DIY project or sharpen your culinary skills.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
There may be something fun happening in your city or neighborhood. Check out the local talent.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
It's a good time for reviewing your budget. What changes do you need to make to set yourself up for success?

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
You may be feeling extremely motivated today. The timing is ideal for starting an exercise regimen, tackling a job, or putting yourself out there.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Your dreams might be more vivid than usual. Keeping a dream journal can help you better understand yourself and access your intuition.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
The need for community and camaraderie is strong. Think about starting a volunteer group, joining a sports team, or getting together with friends for a fun activity.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You can accomplish a lot, especially if you're working on projects related to re-organizing, wellness or helping others.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Traveling for a change of scenery or for learning purposes, even if it's just for half the day, can be restorative.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You may be moodier than usual. Try to find a healthy outlet for purging any negative feelings that may be churning below the surface.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
If you have to offer someone criticism, make sure that it's constructive.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
It's a good time for making a lifestyle change or developing habits that can improve your well-being or productivity. However, avoid doing anything extreme. Easy does it!

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
Make it your mission to have as much fun as you possibly can. You need it.

FOR TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

Your energy is always at a 10. You have an uplifting vibe. You're a risk-taker who knows that nothing is gained unless something is ventured first. You tend to dream big, and you have no time for small thinking. Learning to be more intentional about your decisions may be an area you need to work on. However, when you're excited about what's next or what you do for a living, the best of you shines through. This year, don't be surprised if your usual get-up-and-go is missing. There's a time for doing, and there's a time to pause and catch your breath.

CRYPTOQUOTE

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-4 CRYPTOQUOTE
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LZSDVZJ LUI CZV AVJQVMAVA
YZIE YZVVAIE YSKUDVZJ LUI
HZITV DUVSZ QUCSMJ CMA
QUCMKVA DUV LIZBA. — CECMAC
KIZECM

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT IS A SCIENTIFIC FACT THAT YOUR BODY WILL NOT ABSORB CHOLESTEROL IF YOU TAKE IT FROM ANOTHER PERSON'S PLATE. — DAVE BARRY

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ISRAQ AZIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: BOOKS ORIGINALLY NOT PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH

Provide the language in which the book was originally published. (e.g., "Dr. Zhivago." Answer: Russian.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

- "The Name of the Rose" Answer: _____
- "War and Peace" Answer: _____
- "The Little Prince" Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

- "Heidi" Answer: _____
- "The Adventures of Pinocchio" Answer: _____
- "The Diary of a Young Girl" Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

- "One Hundred Years of Solitude" Answer: _____
- "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" Answer: _____
- "The Neverending Story" Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Italian, 2. Russian, 3. French, 4. German, 5. Italian, 6. Dutch, 7. Spanish, 8. Swedish, 9. German.

Sudoku

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ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	8	1	3	7	2	9	4	5
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5	7	2	9	4	3	6	8	1
8	3	6	7	2	1	5	9	4
7	6	8	4	3	5	2	1	9
1	4	9	2	8	7	3	5	6
3	2	5	6	1	9	4	7	8

Difficulty: ★★★ 4/3

King Classic Sudoku

1			5				9	
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	3	2		7		1		
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Difficulty: ★★★★★ 4/4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Sudoku increases from Monday to Friday. Each day the previous day's answer will be published.

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- Water and electricity from city possible
- Area for dock possible (must get permit)
- Asking \$725,000
- Serious inquires may email pkkclayton@gmail.com

Help Wanted

Help Wanted



SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

SEARHC is looking for qualified candidates to join our team in Sitka!

If you are passionate about making a difference in the community and eager to learn, this opportunity is perfect for you. We pride ourselves on fostering a supportive and inclusive work environment where every team member can thrive. Join us in our mission to provide quality healthcare and embark on a rewarding career path.

Become a Dental Assistant Trainee. A new class will commence in July 2025.
Please submit applications no later than April 30, 2025.
Full-time pay \$25.00 an hour and benefits while training.
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Announcements

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SAFV Raffle Tickets on Sale

Sitkans Against Family Violence will hold a raffle to support the organization's free services to the community. The prize is \$1,000 cash, and tickets costs \$10. The drawing will be on May 5 at the Sitka Elks Lodge.
Purchase tickets online at tinyurl.com/safvraffle25 or by calling 907 747-3483. Find more about SAFV at safv.org.

Sunshine Corner

These ads are FREE!

Email to: sunshine@sitkasentinel.com, drop off at 112 Barracks St., or fax to 747-8898. Watch for the Sunshine Corner form in each Tuesday's Sentinel. All requests must be received by the Sentinel BEFORE 3:00 P.M. THURSDAY. Items are limited to individuals and must be priced at \$200 or less. LISTINGS WILL NOT BE TAKEN BY PHONE

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STRENGTHEN YOUR SPIRIT
BOYS RUN
I toowú klatseen

This Week in Boy Run
This week, Boys Run participants learned about gender stereotypes and what it means to be a strong man. Boys looked at magazine advertisements and determined whether they targeted boys or girls, thought about their strong male role models, and learned ways they can be "strong in mind, body, and spirit," one of the Lingít values the team focuses on. Here's what some of the boys said about what they learned:
– "Being a strong man means asking for help."
– "Being a strong man means being nice and not being mean to people." - "Some boys like dolls."
– "Boys can dance...I dance for Tlingít people so we can be proud."
Throughout the season, Boys Run will provide the Sitka community with updates on the program. We also hope to give mentors and guardians an opportunity to pass on skills from Boys Run to the children in their life. Consider using these conversation starters:
– Why can stereotypes be bad?
– Who is a strong man that you admire? Why?
– What do you think it means to "strengthen your spirit"?

Boys Run I toowú klatseen is an after-school program that promotes healthy relationships and lifestyle skills in boys through running and other fun activities. The program, now in its tenth season in Sitka, incorporates cultural activities that honor Southeast Alaska traditional tribal values.
Nearly 30 third- through fifth-grade boys participate in twice-weekly practices at Keet Gooshi Heen elementary school. The annual Boys Run I toowú klatseen 5K will take place on Saturday, May 10, and all are invited. Keep an eye out for more information as the date approaches.
Boys Run is brought to you in Sitka by the Pathways Coalition. Email Claire at schools@safv.org or call 747-3493 for more information.

Exhibition Listed At Public Library

Paintings by Petersburg-based artists Pia Reilly and Suzanne Fuqua will be on display at Sitka Public Library April 4-30.
The exhibition will begin with an artist reception at 5 p.m. It will give community members a chance to meet the artists.
Works from the exhibition will be available for purchase with 20% of sales going to support the library.
For information, call Sitka Public Library at 747-4020 or email jessica.ieremia@cityofsitka.org.

Spring Gun, Gear Swap April 26

The Sitka Sportsman's Association will hold its Spring Gun and Outdoor Gear Swap 9 a.m.-noon April 26, at 5211 Halibut Point Road.
Sellers tables for rent are \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Both individuals and businesses can sell at this event and only sellers may arrive at 8 a.m. to set up. Sellers must reserve a table by contacting Chad at 907 623-0908 or email premiertraining@sitka.org.

Tribal Citizens Sought for Panel

Sitka Tribe of Alaska is seeking tribal citizens interested in serving on the Tourism Ad Hoc Committee for a one-year term.
An ideal committee member would be a tribal citizen from the Natural Resource Committee, a tribal citizen who is part of the tourism industry, and who is interested in the impact of tourism on cultural and natural resources and the quality of life for tribal citizens in Sitka, a news release from STA said.
Those who have questions or would like to submit a letter of interest can contact Chief Operating Officer Anne Davis at anne.davis@sitkatribes-nsn.gov by 4:30 p.m. on April 9.

Family Yoga Event April 26

A family yoga program to include stories, movement and fun will be presented by Sitka Tribe of Alaska 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Sitka Public Library.
Families and youths of all ages will be led by certified yoga instructor Doug Osborne. Participants should arrive on time and wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats will be provided to those who need it. Pre-registration is required by calling the library at 907 747-4020.
For information e-mail Maite at maite.lorente@cityofsitka.org.

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Barn Dance Set For Community

A free community barn dance is 7 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Odess Theater at Allen Hall on the SJ Campus.
Live music is by Fishing for Cats. Dances are taught and called. No dance experience is necessary. For information call Dorothy at 907 747-3412.

Play Presentation By SFAC on Stage

Sitka Fine Arts Camp's Young Performers Theater will present "Failure: A Love Story" 7 p.m. April 18 and 19 and 3 p.m. April 20 at the Odess Theater at Allen Hall on the SJ Campus.
"By the end of 1928, all three Fail sisters will be tragically dead – expiring in reverse order, youngest to oldest, from blunt object to the head, disappearance, and finally consumption," a press release from the Fine Arts Camp said. "But as tragic as it sounds, we'll be smiling on the journey, with a whimsical chorus of talking dogs, newspaper reading snakes, escape artist paraquets, annoyed clocks, and singing gramophones. 'Failure: A Love Story' is a beautiful, weird, magical fable where, in the end, the power of love is tested against the power of love, in a world where nothing is guaranteed."
Tickets are \$10/\$5, and children under 5 are free. They are available at fineartscamp.org or 907 747-3085.

Paralytic Shellfish Toxin Advisory

The following advisories are for Southeast Alaska Tribal Ocean Research sites with shellfish that been found to have paralytic shellfish have toxin levels above the FDA regulatory limit of 80 µg/100 g.
PSTs cause paralytic shellfish poisoning. Consuming wild shellfish from these sites may result in an increased risk of PSP.
SEATOR sites with shellfish PST levels above the regulatory limit as reported in the Marine Biotoxin PST Report published on April 2.
Community Beach Species affected include: Lisa Creek, Nakwasina Sound, butter clams, March 30; Aleutkina Bay, butter clams, March 31.
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Live Life Powerfully Retreat @ Community Dinner

Join STA and Indigenous leaders Johanna Corpeno and Waylon "Pee" Pahona to learn about living your best life in wellness and healing at the Live Life Powerfully Retreat from 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 15 to noon Thursday, April 17. Space is limited, RSVP for the retreat at <https://forms.gle/WVzD2uje1yK1PN5SA> (no cost)
We strongly suggest you register only if you are able to commit to participating the entire 2 1/2 days.
All are invited to join us for a community dinner and presentation Thursday, April 17 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Harrigan Centennial Hall auditorium. We will hear from the leaders of the "STA Live Life Powerfully Retreat," and learn more about the work they are doing in the field of Indigenous wellness. Space is limited, please RSVP for the dinner at: <https://forms.gle/oB7yS35Kmxr8ga7VA> (no cost)



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Calendar of Events

FRIDAY
5 p.m. Painting exhibition reception, Petersburg artists, Sitka Public Library
5:30 p.m. NA Meeting, St. Peter's Church basement
7 p.m. Juneau Symphony Orchestra classical music concert, Performing Arts Center
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln Street, hotline 907-747-8866

SATURDAY
8:30 a.m. Citywide Cleanup Event, daily through April 13
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Open Practice, Sitka Sportsman's Association indoor pistol range
10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free Sewing Session, Ocean Wave Quilt Guild, at United Methodist Church
10 a.m. Ta'i Chi Chih practice, See House behind Episcopal Church
10:30 a.m. Baby Raven Reads story time, Sitka Public Library
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Trap and Skeet, Sitka Sportsman's Association
Noon-1 p.m. Hands Off! National Day of Action, the Roundabout
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
Noon-4 p.m. Salvation Army Little Store open
Noon-3 p.m. White Elephant Shop open
4-8 p.m. Spring Art Walk, Greater Sitka Arts Council, downtown businesses
7 p.m. Community Barn Dance, Odess Theater on SJ Campus
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's Church basement, call 907-747-8866, potluck upstairs at 6 p.m. on last Saturday of the month

SUNDAY
Noon Free screening of "The M Factor - Shredding the Silence on Menopause," followed by discussion, Mean Queen dungeon
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
3 p.m. Chocolate Lovers Workshop, Sitka Lutheran, jdshaw2@alaska.edu or 907-747-9440
3 p.m. Parent-Tot Time, Blatchley
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln St., hotline 907-747-8866

MONDAY
6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
Noon STA Governance Committee, at STA
Noon-1 p.m. SEARHC Community Health Council meeting, Harrigan Centennial Hall
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
5:30-6:30 p.m. AA, Sitka Pioneers Home Recreation Kitchen, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
6 p.m. White Elephant Shop open

Spring Art Walk Slated April 5

All are invited to join downtown merchants and galleries in celebrating the artists of Sitka at the Spring Art Walk, 4-7 p.m. April 5.

Participants can pick up the “Art Walk Passport” and get it stamped at one of the 18 participating venues to win prizes.

Young Performers Theater will have art items to bid on art Harry Race Pharmacy.

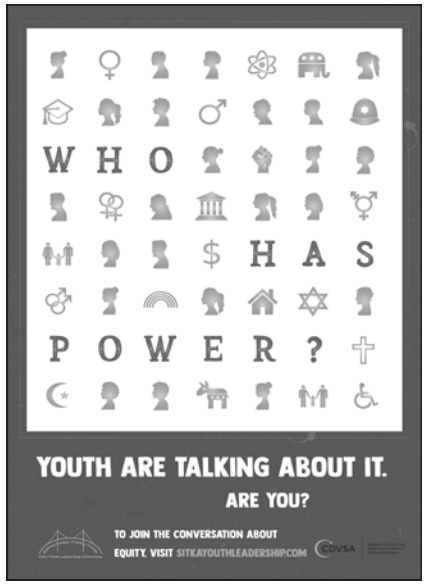
Special Art Walk promotions will be available at many participating locations.

Information on participating businesses and the artists they are hosting can be found at sitkaartscouncil.org/art-walks.

T'ai Chi Chih Practice on Tap

T'ai Chi Chih Practice is being offered 10 a.m. Saturday, April 5, in the See House behind the St Peter's Episcopal Church, 611 Lincoln Street.

Attendees should use the side door at end of the winding sidewalk.



Critter Corner Sitka Animal Shelter



Pippa

Pippa was found outside with a litter of kittens and no home in sight! Her kittens have all been adopted and now it's her turn. She can be nervous at first, but when she trusts you she's a total love bug. She enjoys watching birds out the window, playing, and being cozy. Email sitkaanimalfriends@gmail.com to set up a meeting.

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T&H Names 2025 Award Recipients

Two Sitkans are among 10 recipients of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska annual President's Awards.

President's Everyday Heroes Awards will be given to: Youth Mentor Award, Archie Young; and Small Tribal Business Award, Robert Miller – Sea Fur Sewing.

They will be honored at the President's Awards Banquet 6 p.m. Friday, April 18, at Centennial Hall in Juneau. Tickets are available at \$50 plus fees. It includes a three-course dinner prepared by Tlingit chef Rob Kinneen.

The banquet is a yearly event following the conclusion of the 90th Annual Tribal Assembly, April 16-18. “T&H recognizes incredible people throughout Southeast Alaska and beyond who have contributed significantly to tribal citizens and communities through their leadership, cultural preservation, education, and many other ways,” a press release said.

“We are honored to celebrate these 11 remarkable individuals whose hard work, passion, and dedication make a difference every day in the lives of our people,” said President Chalyee Eesh Richard Peterson. “The President's Awards serve as a reminder of the power of community and the importance of uplifting those who are working tirelessly to improve the lives of our people. We are proud to recognize their contributions and share their stories with others.”

For more information and how to purchase tickets, go to <https://tingitandhaida.gov/>.

‘Menopause’ Topic Of Free Event

A free screening of “The M Factor – Shredding the Silence on Menopause,” followed by a discussion on peri- and post-menopause-related topics, is scheduled noon-2 p.m. Sunday, April 6, in the Mean Queen Dungeon.

All genders are welcome, and partners are being encouraged to attend. Light snacks and cash bar will be available. For more information, contact Alicia at 907 623-8708 or medicineby-movementwellness.com.

The event is sponsored by Medicine by Movement, in collaboration with Alpine PT.

Monthly Grind ‘The End’ Listed

The Sitka Monthly Grind announces “The End” of the 30th season grind 7 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi. Doors open 6:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at Old Harbor Books for \$5 for everyone. Attendees can take a homemade dessert to share.

The Grind philosophy remains – in its 30th year – nonpolitical, affordable and family entertainment.

“The grinds have been selling out, get your tickets early,” said Jeff Budd, producer of the program. “We always welcome people, young and old, who would like to be in the show or help put the show on – let us know.”

Those with questions can call Budd at 907 747-4821 or email jbudd3500@gmail.com.

Caregivers Invited To Workshop

Sitka Tribe of Alaska invites caregivers in the community to a presentation/discussion on “Everything Everyone Needs to Know about Child Abuse” 6-7:30 p.m. April 9 in rooms 1 and 2 at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Child care will be provided. Dinner will be offered to anyone at the event. Registration is required at <https://forms.gle/isCNipWpHArUKQt26>. Contact Dawn at dawn.mcmaster@sitkatriben-nn.gov with any questions.

Baby Raven Reads At Public Library

Sitka Public Library and Sitka Babies and Books will offer a Baby Raven Reads cultural story time 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5.

The program will be led by culture bearer and local author Pauline Duncan, and includes a read aloud, followed by literacy activities related to the featured book, “10 Sitka Herring.” Pre-registration is required to guarantee a free book. Register by calling the library at 907 747-4020.

For information e-mail Maite at maite.lorente@cityofsitka.org

Chocolate Lovers Workshop Sunday

There's still time to sign up for a one-of-a-kind chocolate tasting/making/appreciating workshop hosted by UAF Cooperative Extension Service 3-5 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at Sitka Lutheran Church kitchen.

Participants will learn chocolate does have health benefits – in moderation. They also will make and sample some chocolate-themed recipes. The cost is \$25. Registration is at <https://bit.ly/SitkaChocolate>.

The class will be led by Paula Vesh-ti, a dietetics student at the University of Alaska Anchorage. For more information, contact Jasmine Shaw at jdshaw2@alaska.edu or 907 747-9440.

‘Hands Off’ Action Event at Roundabout

Sitkans for Peace and Democracy will join millions across America mobilizing for the Hands Off! National Day of Action, noon-1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at the roundabout.

It is a coordinated protest opposing the policies and actions of the Trump administration.

“The mass mobilization is in response to executive orders and policy changes that threaten democratic institutions and civil liberties,” organizers said. “The protests aim to demonstrate widespread public dissent and to advocate for the preservation of democratic values.”

Rainy Day Bazaar Listed for April 12

The U.S. Coast Guard Spouses' and Women's Association announces the return of the annual Rainy Day Bazaar 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

SEARHC to Host Listening Session

A community listening session hosted by Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium in partnership with the Sitka Community Health Council will be held noon-1 p.m. Monday, April 7, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

The event was rescheduled from March 17 due to an areawide network outage.

The session will provide an opportunity for community members to learn from SEARHC leadership about the ways in which the organization support Sitka's health care needs. Updates will include details on the growth in services over the past four years and the construction progress on the new hospital.

Attendees also will have the chance to ask questions of SEARHC leadership during a question-and-answer forum.

Blatchley Art Club Registration Open

Registration for the City and Borough of Sitka Parks and Recreation's Blatchley Art Club program is open at <http://recreation.cityofsitka.com>.

Youths in grades 6-8 will be exposed to a wide variety of art experiences, projects and mediums.

Art Club will meet 3:30-5 p.m. Thursdays April 17-May 15 at the school home economics room.



NEW BUSINESS - Physical therapist Jessica Pyatt PT, DPT, WCS, CLT and her son, Otto, stand outside Pyatt's new business, Alpine Physical Therapy LLC, at 206 Seward, Unit B (off American Street) recently. With residency training in both orthopedics and pelvic health, and 14 years of experience, she provides individualized treatment for a wide range of musculoskeletal conditions. Mobile care is available for new parents, and telehealth is offered for all Alaskans. Most major health insurances are accepted and working with an Alaska-based billing company. Hours are by appointment with parking available. The business with host an open house at Saturday's Art Walk 3-6 p.m. Call 907-738-3926 for information or to schedule an appointment; fax referrals to 360-404-7441. A website is coming soon. (Sentinel Photo)

Police Blotter

The following calls were received by police as of 8 a.m. today.

April 3

At 9:48 a.m. a woman was reported exposing herself downtown.

A mix-up over a package delivery was resolved, with the package being claimed by the appropriate person.

A welfare check was requested for a man sleeping in the Starrigavan parking lot. He was found to be able to care for himself.

A man told police that a woman who had a protective order against him was showing up where he was. Police advised him of his options.

April 4

At 7:22 a.m. a caller reported hearing aloud thud from an apartment on the next flood. Police found nothing amiss.

Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department received seven ambulance calls Thursday.

Open House Set At UAS-Sitka

UAS-Sitka Campus will host an open house 4-6 p.m. April 16.

“We invite the community to explore our campus, register for classes, meet our dedicated staff and faculty, and experience our campus art walk,” a news release from the Sitka campus said.

All are invited to attend, including prospective students and community member.

Prizes will be offered, including a \$500 tuition waiver for prospective students. Light refreshments will be served. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Outer Coast Hosts Town Hall Event

Outer Coast is hosting a Town Hall 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in Fraser Hall on the SJ Campus.

Food and conversation about the role that Outer Coast can play in the community as a new institution of higher education is being planned.

Outer Coast staff and leadership will be on hand to facilitate conversations and receive input.

Free Sewing Session April 5

Ocean Wave Quilters sponsors a free open sewing session 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at United Methodist Church.

All are invited to attend. Irons, ironing boards, tables and chairs are provided. Lunch is a potluck. For information call 907 752-0251.

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THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP EVENT

WHO:

All RESIDENTIAL property owners are encouraged to clean up their property and haul all acceptable refuse to the City Solid Waste Disposal Sites **FREE OF CHARGE** during **CITY CLEAN-UP 2025**. **Dump trucks and dump trailers cannot be used.**

WHEN:

Saturday, April 5th to Sunday, April 13th from 8AM to 4PM

WHERE:

- Sitka Transfer Station, 205 Jarvis Street** – General residential refuse.
 - Sawmill Cove Industrial Park Scrap Yard, 4655 Sawmill Creek Road** – Junk vehicles, scrap metal, water tanks, refrigerators (must be cleaned of food), dryers, washing machines, stoves, aluminum boats, boat trailers, outboards, and lower units (shall be drained of oil), properly cleaned fuel tanks accepted, and unbroken residential fluorescent bulbs will be accepted.
 - Sawmill Creek Road Recycling Center, 802 Sawmill Creek Road** – All glass, tin cans, aluminum, #1, #2 and #5 plastics and corrugated brown cardboard and newspaper.
 - Granite Creek Overburden Site, 401 Granite Creek Road (follow signs)** – WEEKENDS ONLY – Up to 5 yards of residential yard waste (including brush, overburden, stumps, & green waste).
 - Sitka Landfill, Granite Creek Road** – wooden or fiberglass boats accepted by approval and appointment only by calling 747-1865. **Standard rates apply.**
 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Wastewater Treatment Plant – 100 Alice Loop** Saturday, April 12th – 8 AM to 4 PM and Sunday, April 13th – 8 AM to 3 PM (last weekend only). Household Hazardous Waste will **NOT** be accepted at the Transfer Station or Sawmill Cove Industrial Park Scrap Yard. See the Household Hazardous Waste Flyer.
- Vehicles:** Electric vehicles accepted, only if batteries have been removed.
- Only vehicles ¾ ton rated or smaller will be accepted free of charge.
 - Vehicles **MUST** be accompanied with a Title OR a notarized 849 DMV form to be accepted
 - Vehicles shall be cleaned of all garbage and/or food
 - Vehicles must be towed at owner's expense
 - Oversized vehicles such as RVs and buses, rated 1 ton or larger, will be charged at the **standard rate** and accepted by scheduled appointment only
 - No heavy equipment will be accepted during this event
- Other:**
- ALL commercial waste will be charged at **standard rate**
 - Wooden or fiberglass boats will be accepted at the Sitka Landfill by approval and appointment only by calling 747-1865 – **standard rates apply**
 - Metal boats will be accepted at the Sawmill Cove Industrial Cove Scrap Yard – **standard rates apply**

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Women’s Final Four Features Powerhouses

By ALANIS THAMES
AP Sports Writer
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Three of four teams in the women’s Final Four are No. 1 seeds. None of the four have lost more than three games this season. All but one have been the top-ranked team in the country at some point.

That’s how strong the national semifinals are this year, with powerhouses UCLA, Texas, South Carolina and UConn competing in Tampa, Florida, for a national championship. “Whoever gets through this semifinal and final will have done it against the best of the best,” said Texas coach Vic Schaefer, who has led his second school to the Final Four after getting Mississippi State there in 2017 and 2018. “So I think for all of us, we all understand it. It’s hard to do.”

UCLA, South Carolina and Texas are No. 1 seeds. UConn is a No. 2 seed but has certainly looked the part of a top-seeded team behind Paige Bueckers — perhaps the biggest star in the tournament who’s the primary reason the Huskies are the betting favorite to win it all.

Texas (35-3) and South Carolina (34-3) are scheduled to face each other for the fourth time this season in the first of two semifinals today. UConn (35-3) will play UCLA (34-2) in the other.

The championship game is on Sunday.

Here are a few things to know as the Final Four begins.

Bueckers’ last shot at a national championship

Bueckers is widely expected to be



LSU guard Last-Tear Poa (13), forward Sa’Myah Smith (5) and UCLA center Lauren Betts (51) go after a rebound, Sunday in Spokane, Wash. (AP Photo/Young Kwak)

the No. 1 overall pick in next month’s WNBA draft. First, she gets one more shot at the national championship that has eluded her during her career.

Bueckers earned AP All-America honors this season and was the Big East player of the year for the third time. She has UConn back in the Final Four for the second straight year after the Huskies were beaten by Caitlin Clark and Iowa in the semis last year.

She has averaged 35 points in her last three March Madness games, including career highs of 40 points and six 3-pointers in the Huskies’ 82-59 rout of Oklahoma in the Sweet 16.

“I think last year I got so caught up in the pressures and the stakes of it all,” Bueckers said, “and trying to be perfect

and worrying about the wrong things ... It’s the last year regardless of what happens. So I’m just enjoying this last weekend.”

Gamecocks trying to be first repeat champs since UConn

Dawn Staley has her team in its fifth straight Final Four, and defending champion South Carolina is trying to become the first repeat national champion since the Huskies won four straight from 2013 to 2016. That Huskies four-peat was coach Geno Auriemma’s last title, though he has the Huskies in the Final Four for a record 24th time.

The Gamecocks, who went undefeated last season en route to the pro-

gram’s third title, beat Texas twice this season but have been on the ropes a bit during the tournament.

The Gamecocks went back and forth with Maryland in the Sweet 16 before finally doing enough in the final few minutes to put it away. They beat Duke by four points in the Elite Eight despite their offense being mostly stymied.

“I think we experienced a lot of things we didn’t experience last year,” said senior guard Te-Hina Paopao. “Every time we lost or did something, we learned from that opportunity and have grown from that opportunity.”

Star center Lauren Betts has UCLA in its first Final Four

UCLA won a national title in 1978 in the pre-NCAA era of women’s basketball but made its first Final Four in three tries.

Lauren Betts has been one of the most impactful players of the tournament, leading the Bruins to the semis with 21.2 points and 8.7 rebounds per game while shooting 75% from the field.

The 6-foot- 7 center had 17 points, seven rebounds and six blocks against LSU in the Elite Eight despite sitting the entire second quarter in foul trouble.

The junior’s teammates have praised her growth this season.

“I think it’s just me finally realizing the player I am,” Betts said. “I think a lot of it has to do with not just the basketball side but the mental work that I’ve done this past season. ... Also I have to give a lot of credit to this program and the amount of confidence that they’ve given me.”



Sitka pitcher Mason McLeod pitches in the first inning against Soldotna High School in one of the first baseball games of the season, Thursday at Moller Field. The teams tied 1-1 and play again today and Saturday. (Sentinel photo)

Wolves Baseball Beats Juneau

By Sentinel Staff

Leading off their baseball season, the Sitka Sitka High Wolves beat Juneau-Douglas 6-2 Thursday in the first game of a tournament on Sitka’s home field.

The Wolves followed that up with a 1-1 tie against Soldotna in

the evening.

Games will continue today, also at Moller Field, with a rematch between Sitka and Juneau scheduled for 4 p.m., while Soldotna and Sitka will face off again at 6:30 p.m. More games are scheduled for Saturday.

City League Volleyball Update

By Sentinel Staff

In a competitive division City League volleyball match Thursday, Yellow Jersey defeated the Beak

Brunchers in two sets in the best-of-three match at the Blatchley gym.

Gameplay will recommence next week.

Giannis Puts Bucks over 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo became the first player in NBA history to have 35 points, 17 rebounds and a career-high 20 assists as the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Philadelphia 76ers 126-113 Thursday night.

Antetokounmpo helped the Bucks shoot 51.6% from 3-point range. The Bucks are coming off a win Tuesday against Phoenix in which they shot 68.9% from the field, the highest in an NBA game since 1998, and 58.6% from 3-point range.

Brook Lopez scored 17 points, Kyle Kuzma had 16 and AJ Green hit four 3-pointers for 12 points. Bucks coach Doc Rivers left the bench in the first half, citing an illness, and watched from the locker room as assistant Darvin Ham took over.

Rookie Adem Bona led the 76ers with a career-high 28 points on 13-for-15 shooting. Quentin Grimes had 24 points with 10 assists, and Guerschon Yabusele added 22 points.

Bucks: The Bucks played their eighth game without Damian Lillard, sidelined

with a calf injury later diagnosed as deep vein thrombosis. Rivers said the team got a great report on the nine-time All-Star’s treatment response and, “we have much more hope today than we did three days ago” about him returning this season.

76ers: Philadelphia has lost 10 straight and is 3-25 since Feb. 5. Already without Tyrese Maxey, Joel Embiid and Paul George, reserve guard Lonnie Walker IV limped off in the third quarter. Coach Nick Nurse was ejected in the fourth.

The 76ers led 39-25 after one quarter, but a 15-0 Bucks run to start the second erased that. The teams went back and forth until an 11-2 run to end the third broke an 85-all tie.

The win was Rivers’ 1,156th regular-season coaching victory, breaking a tie with Phil Jackson for seventh in NBA history. He picked up 236 with the 76ers from 2020-23.

Both teams play Saturday. The 76ers host Minnesota, while Milwaukee continues a three-game trip in Miami.

Reds Have Rough Start to Season

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds’ re-creation of the dead-ball era has them doing something that hadn’t happened in the major leagues in 65 years.

Cincinnati has lost 1-0 in each of its last three games. According to Sportradar, no team had lost by that score three straight times since the Philadelphia Phillies did it in May 1960.

It’s only occurred six times in MLB history, and four of those instances were over a century ago. Nobody has ever lost 1-0 in four straight games.

The other teams to lose 1-0 in three consecutive games were the Brooklyn Superbas in 1908, the St. Louis Browns and Washington Senators in 1909 and the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1917.

“Nobody’s happy with what’s happened the last three games,” Reds manager Terry Francona said Thursday after the string of 1-0 losses continued in the opener of a four-game series at Milwaukee. “We’ll figure it out together. I feel strongly about that.”

Cincinnati’s lineup showcased its potential Monday in a 14-3 victory over the Texas Rangers, but the Reds haven’t scored since.

Texas’ Nathan Eovaldi outdueled Carson Spiers on Tuesday. Jack Leiter and four Texas relievers combined for 10 strikeouts Wednesday as the Reds wasted a brilliant performance from Hunter Greene.

Cincinnati’s Nick Lodolo gave up four

hits and one unearned run in 6 2/3 innings Thursday, but he took the loss because the Reds mustered just two hits.

“It’s part of the game, you know?” Lodolo said. “I’ll be honest with you. Obviously I want us to score, but I’m not really thinking about it. I’ve got to do my job at the end of the day, regardless. We’ll turn it around. I guarantee that.”

That’s the attitude Francona wants to see from his pitchers as Cincinnati’s hitters try to break out of their slump.

“We’re not going to have a situation where it’s ‘us’ when we win and it’s ‘they’ when we lose,” Francona said. “We’ll do this together.”

Francona said there’s no common thread between the games that explains his lineup’s struggles.

Eovaldi is a veteran right-hander who went the distance while allowing four hits and no walks. Leiter’s a hard-throwing rookie right-hander. Cortes, a veteran left-hander, doesn’t have the velocity of Eovaldi or Leiter but effectively mixed his cutter and changeup with his fastball.

Cincinnati’s struggles Thursday may have been particularly frustrating because Cortes looked so awful in his last start, a 20-9 loss to the New York Yankees. Cortes allowed homers on each of his first three pitches that day and ended up yielding eight hits and five walks in two innings of a game that drew attention to the Yankees’ use of “torpedo bats.”

Yankees’ Judge Gets 500th Extra Base Hit

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Judge smiled and perhaps blushed when informed of Jazz Chisholm Jr.’s praise.

“We all tell him every day: ‘Hey, we want to be you when we grow up,’” Chisholm said after Judge became the third-fastest New York Yankees player to reach 500 extra-base hits with a three-run homer in the first inning of Thursday night’s 9-7 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

And the two players who reached the mark in fewer games than Judge? Joe DiMaggio and Lou Gehrig.

“When I’m an old man coming to Old-Timers Day I can look back and we can joke about it and laugh about it,” Judge said.

Coming off his second AL MVP award, Judge fell a triple short of the cycle and is hitting .417 with five homers and 15 RBIs in the first six games this season. He has 320 homers, 175 doubles and five triples in 999 games, and only DiMaggio (853) and Gehrig (869) reached 500 extra-base hits in fewer games among Yankees.

“I feel like he’s still getting there, which is remarkable,” Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. “It’s that part of me that takes him for granted a little bit. I just feel like he should get an extra-base hit every time. I kind of say it out loud just to try and remind myself what we’re watching every day.”

Judge lined a 1-1 fastball from Merrill Kelly at 112.1 mph to the oppo-



Dodgers’ Shohei Ohtani hits a walk-off solo home run against as Atlanta Braves catcher Atlanta Braves’ Chadwick Tromp looks on during the ninth inning, Wednesday in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Kevork Djansezian)

site field and into the Yankees bullpen for a 3-0 lead. He added a run-scoring single in the fourth inning as the Yankees moved ahead 7-3, hit a 111.3 mph double in the sixth. He also flied out and hit a 109.5 mph groundout.

“I’m like, did you miss that one?” Boone recalled, laughing. “I catch myself having these ridiculous conversations with him sometimes, just because he keeps setting the bar so darn high.”

Judge knows he’s in for ribbing when he singles or doubles.

“He gives me a little smirk when I get on base like that,” he said.

Judge also stole his first base of the season, as did Chisholm. Judge swiped 10 last year to Chisholm’s 40.

“I told him I was going to catch him in stolen bases this year,” Judge said playfully.

“He’s starting to steal bags now. It’s just getting ridiculous out of him, man,” Chisholm said.

Chisholm and Trent Grisham hit two-run homers off Kelly (1-1), who

allowed a career-high nine runs, nine hits and three walks in 3 2/3 innings. Chisholm is hitting .292 with four homers and eight RBIs.

“I’m OK compared to him. I’m trying to get to his level right now,” Chisholm said of Judge. “I told him I’m not going to try to fall behind him too far. I got to keep up with him.”

New York had 22 homers on a 4-2 opening homestand, five more than any other team ever hit in its first six games. Even though it was game No. 6, the Yankees felt an urgency after losing the Tuesday and Wednesday.

“Big G said a couple words before the game, just about this was our home turf. We got to go out there and we don’t get swept at home,” he said of Giancarlo Stanton. “Guys took that to heart.”

Carlos Carrasco (1-0) got his first Yankees win, giving up three runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings. After New York opened a 9-3 lead, Gerald Perdomo hit a seventh-inning grand slam off Ryan Yarbrough. Luke Weaver got four outs for his first save this season, ending Arizona’s three-game winning streak.

Judge repeatedly refers to last year’s World Series loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers. It weighs on him far more than historical accomplishments.

“Especially after last season where we weren’t able to finish the job, guys are motivated to go out and do something special,” he said. “It starts every game you play.”

USC Star Juju Watkins Names Player of the Year

By DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Juju Watkins, the sensational sophomore who led Southern California to its best season in nearly 40 years, was honored Thursday as The Associated Press women’s basketball Player of the Year.

Watkins, whose Trojans won the Big Ten regular-season title for their first conference crown in 31 years, received 29 votes from the 31-member

national media panel that votes on the AP Top 25 each week. Notre Dame’s Hannah Hidalgo got the other two. Both were first-team AP All-Americans.

“I think what’s so significant about this award is that this was a year that didn’t have an absence of talent and stars, and Juju found a way to elevate herself and her team,” USC coach Lindsay Gottlieb said.

Watkins became just the fourth player to win the award in her sopho-

more year, joining Oklahoma’s Courtney Paris (2007) and UConn stars Maya Moore (2009) and Breanna Stewart (2014). The AP started giving out the award in 1995 and Watkins is the first Trojans player to win it.

“She makes a lot of things that aren’t easy look easy,” Gottlieb said. “It’s one thing to say she’s a generational talent, but another to actually do it and put yourself up with names like Stewie, Maya and Courtney Paris.”

Watkins is already in the top 10 on USC’s career scoring list, ranking ninth. She was averaging 23.9 points, 6.8 rebounds and 3.4 assists before her season was cut short in the NCAA Tournament with an ACL injury suffered in the second round against Mississippi State.

Watkins accepted the award via Zoom from Los Angeles.

“I’m just so honored to be recognized in this fashion,” she said. “I want to thank my teammates, my amazing coaches, my family and friends. They made all this possible. I feel so blessed to be able to do what I love.”

AP Coach of the Year Cori Close praised Watkins for what she’s done on and off the court.

“I’ve been able to see what she does for underserved communities and her commitment to really stay true to serve where she came from,” Close said. “I know that everybody knows what an amazing basketball player Juju Watkins is, but I think this is an incredible award

because I know her heart of service and I want to congratulate her for what she’s done.”

Watkins raised her game against the best opponents. In the six games against teams in AP top 10, she averaged 26.2 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.4 blocks while shooting 35.4% from behind the 3-point line.

“She performed her best at the biggest moments,” Gottlieb said. “I thought she really throughout the course of the year learned how to dominate and empower the others.”

Watkins, with her signature “JuJu bun” hairstyle, is already one of the top draws in the sport with endorsement deals to match, and seeing her in person has become a hotter ticket.

The Trojans’ average home attendance rose to 5,932 this season from last year’s 4,421. Celebrities like Snoop Dogg, Kevin Hart, Jason Sudeikis, Michael B. Jordan and Sanaa Lathan, who starred in “Love & Basketball,” one of Watkins’ favorite movies, have shown up. The year before she arrived, attendance averaged 1,037.

“It’s hard to miss Snoop Dogg in his custom JuJu jacket,” Gottlieb said. “This happened organically and authentically. She decided to stay home and cares about her city and has the magnetism to attract people. It’s the way she carries herself. She’s confident, but very humble and true to her community. It’s amazing to see her impact.”

MEHS Field Public Notice

Mt. Edgecumbe High School staff and students ask people to keep their dogs off the school’s softball field.

The school is gearing up for the spring sports season and aims to keep the softball field clean, safe, and poop-free. We kindly ask that dogs stay off the field.

SPORTS CALENDAR

BASEBALL at Moller Field

TODAY

11:30 a.m. JV game
1:30 p.m. Juneau v. Soldotna
4 p.m. Sitka v. Juneau
6:30 p.m. Sitka v. Soldotna

SATURDAY

11:30 a.m. JV game
1:30 p.m. Juneau v. Soldotna
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HOOPS AND HERRING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

TODAY

3 to 9 p.m. Youth games at Blatchley
4 to 10 p.m. High school games at MEHS
3 to 8 p.m. High school girls games at SHS

SATURDAY

9 a.m. to 8 p.m.. Youth games at Blatchley
Noon to 9:15 p.m. High school games at MEHS
8:50 a.m. to 8 p.m. High school girls at SHS

SUNDAY

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Youth games at Blatchley
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. High school games at MEHS
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. High school girls at SHS

Alpine Adventure Run

Registration for the seven-mile mountain run opens April 23rd at 7 a.m. Alaska time. The 32nd running of the Alpine Adventure Run is scheduled for July 19, 2025.

Register by emailing organizer Chris Horan at christinemariahoran@gmail.com requesting entry. Runners will be sent a registration form to download, complete and return. Sitka runners can drop their forms and entry fee at 111 Cascade Creek Road (drop box on deck).

Early requests or Facebook requests will not be accepted, and individual runners must make their own requests for entry. Space is assigned based on the order of requests, subject to administrative oversight. Runners will be advised within four days if they hold a confirmed space or if they are on a wait list.

The race is a challenging seven-mile mountain run starting at St. Gregory’s Catholic Church. The course climbs Gavan Hill and continues along the Harbor Mountain rim to the picnic area on Harbor Mountain.

Runners must be able to complete the course in 2.5 hours. The run is limited to 125 participants and runners must be at least 15 years old. The registration fee is \$50 and includes a t-shirt. For further information please contact Chris Horan at christinemariahoran@gmail.com or 907-747-6471.

The Alpine Adventure Run is conducted under a Special Use Permit with the Tongass National Forest.

Public Health Workers In Alaska Get Laid Off

By JAMES BROOKS
Alaska Beacon

The Alaska Department of Health abruptly laid off 30 public health employees this week after the federal government canceled a series of grants unexpectedly early.

“Their last day of employment is today, and they found out — I believe — earlier this week. So it is very abrupt,” said Heidi Drygas, director of the Alaska State Employees Association, the union that represents 22 of the 30 laid-off employees.

The layoffs are believed to be the first round of significant Alaska state-government job losses caused by President Donald Trump and the arm of the White House named the “Department of Government Efficiency,” coordinated by Elon Musk.

Trump-ordered cuts have already had significant effects on federal government programs and nongovernmental organizations that rely on federal grants, but until now, state-government jobs had been relatively protected.

“I fear that there are more (layoffs) coming,” Drygas said. “I’m worried that this is the tip of the iceberg, and this rapidly evolving news story ... is causing a lot of anxiety for our members, many of whom work under federal grants, or they work on a daily basis with their federal counterparts. It’s hugely disruptive.”

Hospital ...

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tion timeline on Thursday, Carle said that “we’re looking at the spring of 2026, that’s the window that we’re operating under right now,” an adjustment from projections this winter that the \$410 million hospital facility would open in the fall of 2025.

Carle said “construction projects in Alaska are always complicated” so SEARHC leadership is operating under a “broader window” of “early 2026” and will be “trying to stick within that range.”

Of the new hospital, Carle said that “all of the services that they have received prior will be available at the new hospital. ... There will be some volume increases, but I don’t think it’ll be in terms of the actual bed space.”

SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center Administrator Bill Spiv-

Alex Huseman, a spokesperson for the Alaska Department of Health, said the federal government brought an early end to two major COVID-19 response grants.

Those grants had been expected to expire no later than 2027. The state’s current operating budget and Gov. Mike Dunleavy’s proposal for the coming year list millions of dollars in expected grant spending.

“The amended notice of awards for the impacted grants now reflect an end date of March 24, 2025,” Huseman wrote by email. “The reductions in federal funding had an impact on 30 employees. The DOH is working with the Division of Personnel and the Rapid Response Team from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, in accordance with the respective union contracts and regulations, to assist affected employees.”

Drygas said the affected positions are spread across the state, and that as with any job losses, these cuts will have ripple effects in the local communities, since state salaries lead to local spending.

“In some of these smaller communities, there’s not that many jobs, and so it could have a huge impact, or a disproportionate impact,” she said.

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New Law Makes March Women’s History Month

By CORINNE SMITH
Alaska Beacon

Alaska will recognize March as Women’s History Month, under a new law signed by Gov. Mike Dunleavy on Thursday.

“This legislation encourages schools, communities, and organizations to honor the contributions of women who have shaped our state and nation,” Dunleavy said in a statement on social media. He shared a photo of signing Senate Bill 43 into law, pictured by himself at his desk in his Juneau office, with the Alaska and U.S. flags on either side.

Bill sponsor Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson, D-Anchorage, celebrated the occasion.

“Women’s history in Alaska is not only about past achievements but is also a way to honor the current and future contributions of women in Alaska,” Gray-Jackson said in a written statement Thursday. “This bill is aimed to encourage our Alaskan communities to honor the contributions of women who have helped paved the way throughout our state’s rich history.”

Gray-Jackson thanked legislators for supporting the legislation, including Rep. Carolyn Hall, D-Anchorage, who carried the bill in the House. “Together, we will continue to inspire the future generations of Alaskan women,” she said.

Ballet ...

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4-year-old kids is full, with few spots remaining for 5- to 7-year-olds. Over 20 kids are registered at the moment.

“Everyone is welcome. Every body is welcome,” Ryan said. “And what we want to do is build a nurturing environment that supports everyone who wants to come and learn how to dance. We can offer dance training to make the strongest technical dancer, if that’s what you want, and we can offer dance training that makes the best community member in how they engage with their community and how the skills of dance translate into other career paths and other walks of life. We want to serve both those groups of people. We want to serve everybody in the community. And we’d love to have you guys try us out.”

Along with his current job as op-

This year, the Alaska Legislature has a historic number of women representing districts across the state, with the first majority of women serving in the Alaska House of Representatives — also recognized in a letter of support for the bill by former U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola, the first woman to represent Alaska in the U.S. House of Representatives.

“It would be fitting for this legislation to be passed by our 34th Legislature, where we have a record number of women serving our state,” she wrote, acknowledging several trailblazing female leaders of Alaska, including Alaska’s first female U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski. Murkowski and Peltola served alongside each other in the Alaska House from 1999 to 2002.

“By recognizing Women’s History Month, we make it clear to women, especially young women and girls that they should not be afraid to be the bold leaders Alaska needs to guide us into the future,” Peltola said. “We also honor the trailblazers that came before us, displayed remarkable leadership, and now serve as role models for our generation and the next.”

Next year will be the first March that the law will be in effect.

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Yukon Targets Musk In Response To U.S. Tariffs

By JAMES BROOKS
Alaska Beacon

Rather than target Alaska in its response to a new round of tariffs levied by President Donald Trump, the Yukon government plans to pick on Trump adviser Elon Musk.

The action stands in contrast to moves taken by other provinces, such as British Columbia, which is considering a bill that could result in tolls on Alaska-bound vehicles.

In a statement Thursday, Yukon Premier Ranj Pillai said the territory will end its satellite Internet contracts with Starlink, a Musk-owned company.

The Yukon has about 90 Starlink contracts, serving isolated road maintenance stations, hospitals, and other facilities.

Electric vehicles and chargers manufactured by Tesla — another Musk-owned company — will no longer be eligible for the Yukon’s Good Energy Program, which offers incentives to residents who buy electric vehicles and energy-efficient appliances.

The territory’s official communications will switch away from X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter.

Herring ...

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Since the beginning of the roe gathering, “every day has just been a blessing,” McDonald said.

Of the experience of harvesting fish eggs amidst active spawn, McDonald said that “the process that’s going on at that moment is kind of a miracle.”

“You know, life is being made, and we’re right in the midst of it,” he said. “Life is happening. All the activity, you know, the milky water, the bubbles and then the herring flipping around or squirming around amongst the kelp and the milky water, that’s a beautiful sight.”

While this year is the first time that McDonald has harvested herring eggs, James was familiar with the process, having learned from friends and neighbors during years when he lived in Sitka.

James said that, in his lifetime, he’s noticed that herring returns have died down in the waters around Kake.

“You used to be able to see spawn down the harbor, on the piling and everything, and be able to peel it off. ... It’s been a while since I’ve seen anything like that,” he said.

Given the situation, McDonald and James are supporting research into “restoring the herring spawn that we once had before,” McDonald said.

The research is funded by a \$777,900 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant, as well as about \$175,000 in matching funds from OVK and other local partners, for work led by OVK in “designing innovative nature-based solutions to improve habitat and build resiliency in Kake.”

The project is described as research into non-commercial cultivation of kelp and seaweed, noncommercial shellfish gardening, and seeding of herring and shellfish species to “enhance coastal habitats and build resiliency for the local tribal community.”

As a part of that work, the OVK crew is setting up a controlled transfer of herring eggs from Sitka to a fine-mesh enclosure in waters in front of Kake.

McDonald this past year has taken genetic samples from the small amount of herring spawn that he has collected from Kake waters in order to establish a genetic baseline for the herring stocks that return there at present.

While harvesting long hemlock boughs full of herring eggs for distribution in Kake, the OVK crew placed some smaller egg samples in a circulating seawater tank inside the Christina Dawn’s fish hold, with the goal of keeping the Sitka eggs alive until they hatch.

On Monday, McDonald and James “counted eggs with a microscope” to estimate the number of eggs deposited on some small sections of hemlock branches. Upon returning to Kake, the crew planned to “count them again to see how many actually survived” the transit in a circulating tank, McDonald said.

McDonald and James flew home on Wednesday, ahead of Rostad and the Christina Dawn, in order to set up a containment cage with fine mesh where the herring eggs can continue growing.

“As soon as the boat gets in we’re gonna head out to go plant these ‘study eggs’ out,” McDonald said earlier this week, noting that OVK President Joel Jackson planned to join the crew as they set the Sitka eggs in the ocean enclosure in front of the village.

McDonald, James and their colleagues will monitor the eggs until they reach maturity, and hope to estimate the amount of eggs that hatch inside the enclosure.

OVK’s work on this herring reintroduction project began in late January, according to Elizabeth Figus, a scientist and consultant who is coordinating a group of agencies, tribes and community members invested in OVK’s climate resiliency work.

Figus explained as background to the project that herring returns in waters around Kake “were wiped out by the reduction fisheries throughout Southeast Alaska before statehood.”

“Herring were already at population record lows prior to more recent impacts from things like pollution, and there’s a strong concern community-wide in Kake that I have heard” about further damage to fish stocks by “gray water and potential illegal dumping from cruise ships” at the confluence of Frederick Sound, Chatham Strait and Keku Strait.

ter. That platform is also owned by Musk, who limits news content and uses it to spread pro-Trump positions.

“These measures build on our initial response, which included ending the sale of U.S. alcohol in government-run liquor stores and stopping any new wholesale orders for U.S. liquor,” Pillai said in a news conference.

Pillai said he spoke with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and other provincial leaders early Thursday, and that those leaders intended to take additional actions.

He noted that Alaskans share a close relationship with the Yukon and thanked Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, for voting to end some tariffs that target Canada.

“We want Americans to keep coming here, keep spending money here, keep visiting your friends and family members in the Yukon and in Canada,” Pillai said. “Show your support for Canada by visiting Canada and by understanding why not as many of us may be in a hurry to come and visit you.”

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