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Rainy Day Bazaar

Kaylen Lozano, right, takes a photo of kids sitting with the Easter Bunny – Kaela Robbins, 7, and Rehana Famini, 9, and Amara Karina, 8 months – during the Rainy Day Bazaar Saturday at Harri-

gan Centennial Hall. The bazaar was sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Spouses' and Women's Association. Hundreds turned out for the event that showcases locally made crafts and art. (Sentinel Photo)

UAS Open House to Introduce Director, Classes

ANNA LAFFREY
Sentinel Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff will host an open house 4-6 p.m. Wednesday to promote summer and fall courses and introduce the new University of Alaska Southeast Sitka campus director, Dr. Jeremy Rupp.

Registration opened Monday for the university's full fall semester course roster, and is open for a limited suite of summer classes.

Doors will be open throughout the campus building for the event.

One attraction for visitors will be in the welding shop, where students from Sitka, Pacific and Mt. Edgecumbe high schools are building a 28-foot landing craft in a special topics course sponsored by Nordic Construction.

Student artwork, including ceramics, will be displayed in the Art Studio and the Northwest Coast Arts Room 106.

On the other side of the campus, students and professors will be giving demonstrations in labs for the university's Applied Fisheries, Whale Research and Rural Alaska Southeast Ocean Research programs.

Visitors will be free to poke into the dive locker room, where SCUBA tanks and scores of dry suits, snorkels, goggles and fins are stored.

A medical simulation mannequin will be at the center of demonstrations by University of Alaska Anchorage nursing faculty and students in the campus nursing lab.

Jasmine Shaw, who works with the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Co-operative Extension program will be offering a seed-starting activity.



The new University of Alaska Sitka Campus director, Dr. Jeremy Rupp, gives a high five to the school mascot, Spike the Whale, Monday outside the school.

The University of Alaska, Sitka Campus, will be having an open house on April 16 from 4 to 6 p.m. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

A Career Services representative will be on hand to take professional headshots for current UAS students and alumni.

Activities like a campus-wide art scavenger hunt, drawings for prizes, and opportunities to partake of light

refreshments will be offered throughout the open house. Minors must be accompanied by an adult during the event, UAS said.

Representatives from the main UAS campus in Juneau, including the university's director of admissions, Alas-

ka Native Retention Specialist, and Outreach Coordinator for the UAS Career and Technical Education program, will be attending the event.

First-year UAS-Sitka student Phoebe Pepper said in an interview Monday

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UAA Students' Visas Taken Without Notice

By CORINNE SMITH
Alaska Beacon

The federal government has revoked the visas of four international students at the University of Alaska Anchorage, without explanation or prior notice to students or the university, university officials said on Monday.

"This week, we learned that the federal government has revoked visas for four individuals affiliated with UAA — one current student and three recent graduates in post-graduation training — without prior notice," said UA President Pat Pitney in a university wide email on Monday.

No students at the University of Alaska Fairbanks or University of Alaska Southeast have been affected to date, Pitney said. She said university staff are monitoring immigration records daily, and working to support students. She urged affected students to contact international student services offices of their campus for support.

"These immigration issues do not impact a student's academic standing at UA," Pitney added. "Our international students and scholars are vital members of our community, and we remain fully committed to supporting their success."

The federal government did not provide the student or university a specific reason for the visa cancellations, according to Jonathon Taylor, university director of public affairs.

When asked if any of the students were detained by the Alaska Depart-

ment of Corrections, a spokesperson said they were not able to immediately respond by Monday afternoon.

Students can generally stay in the U.S. but can no longer leave and re-enter without applying for another visa.

If there are changes to a student's immigration status, then the government is required to provide a reason, said Nicholas Olano, an Anchorage-based immigration attorney with Nations Law Group.

"The question is, are the regulations being followed here? And that is what needs to be looked at carefully. Are these people giving proper notice?" he said.

Olano said the Trump administration is revoking visas and changing individuals' immigration status for reasons that would not have triggered these actions in the past. "What is happening now is by all means extreme," he said.

Over 1,000 international students have had visas revoked at over 180 colleges and universities, according to a national tracking project by Inside Higher Ed, a news site. Several students have filed lawsuits arguing the government has failed to justify canceling visas or terminating immigration status, and denied them due process.

Many cases are related to protests or statements in connection with the Israel-Hamas war.

An executive order Trump issued early in his term cited "an unprecedented wave of vile anti-Semitic

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Study: Rural Moms At Risk of Preterm Births

By YERETH ROSEN
Alaska Beacon

Mothers in Alaska's northern and western regions are more likely than other Alaska mothers to give birth to preterm and underweight babies, and their travel from rural Alaska to get care in bigger communities is a factor that contributes to those outcomes, a new study has found.

The study, by researchers at the University of Alaska Anchorage, analyzes the more than 218,000 childbirths recorded in the state from 2000 to 2020. It revealed striking geographic disparities in the rates of preterm and very preterm births, defined respectively as births before 37 and 32 weeks' gestation, as well as the cases of low birth weight.

Preterm births are associated with numerous health problems, including breathing and heart problems, long-term complications like cerebral palsy and higher rates of sudden infant death syndrome, according to the Mayo Clinic.

The factors that are associated with adverse childbirth impacts are numerous, the UAA study found. They include tobacco use during pregnancy, mothers' pre-pregnancy diabetes or hypertension, mothers' ages and a lack of adequate prenatal care.

For many women, the factors associated with adverse impacts are cumulative, said study co-author Michah Hahn, an epidemiologist at UAA's Institute of Circumpolar Health.

"It's kind of like a constellation of things that contribute to preterm birth," Hahn said.

One important factor for Alaska newborns is their mothers' need to leave home, the study found.

Nearly 40% of babies born during the two-decade period had mothers who traveled outside of their home communities for childbirth, the study found. That travel is itself a stressor, the study said.

Routine prenatal care for rural Alaska women can also require travel, making such care more difficult to obtain prior to childbirth.

For rural Alaska women, where communities are predominantly Alas-

ka Native, "it takes so much more effort to go to prenatal care," Hahn said.

Beyond the travel itself, which can be expensive, the women need child care and supportive partners, family members or friends to take on various duties, she said. Those women need extra time as well, she added. In contrast to her experience as an expectant mother in Anchorage, driving a couple of miles to her doctor's office, women flying in from rural Alaska can take two or three days to get their appointments, she said.

Often, the factors associated with adverse birth outcomes overlap, the study found.

Rural women with more high-risk pregnancies may be directed to travel to cities or hub communities to give birth, while women with low-risk pregnancies may be able to stay home. But travel and the prolonged stays in settings that might be unfamiliar add complications to pregnancies that already may be of higher risk, it said.

"If a mother travels to a service hub for prenatal care or delivery, they will incur costs for flights, accommodation, food, and missed work, which may not be covered by insurance," the study said. "They may need to have difficult conversations about whether their partner will travel with them or stay at home to work and care for other children. These stressors are compounded by a lack of social support and living in an unfamiliar place."

Improvements, policy ideas and further study

There is good news revealed in the study.

Rates of prenatal care for Alaska Native women have increased in recent years, the study found. By 2020, about 40% of pregnant Native women get at least 11 prenatal visits, a substantial increase from the 2005-2010 period, the study found. In comparison, more than half of pregnant white women had at least 11 prenatal visits in 2020.

"You can see that one good news story is that in Alaska we are closing the gap on prenatal care utilization by

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House Votes to Name Park In Honor of Victor Fischer

By JAMES BROOKS
Alaska Beacon

Alaska lawmakers are planning to name a park in honor of one of the signers of the Alaska Constitution.

On Monday, the Alaska House of Representatives voted 37-3 to name Shoup Bay State Marine Park in honor of Victor Fischer, who was the last living signatory to the Alaska Constitution when he died in 2023 at age 99.

Shoup Bay is located 5 miles from Valdez, and if the Alaska Senate passes House Bill 79 and Gov. Mike Dunleavy allows it to become law, the park

would become Vic Fischer Shoup Bay State Marine Park.

Fischer was active in state and local politics for decades, and as a member of the Alaska Legislature in 1983, sponsored the legislation that created Alaska's first 13 state marine parks.

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources said that the name change could be done at no cost; the new name will be added to signs and other material during the ordinary schedule of replacement.

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Harvard Challenges Government's Demands

By COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

On one side is Harvard, the nation's oldest and wealthiest university, with a brand so powerful that its name is synonymous with prestige. On the other side is the Trump administration, determined to go further than any other White House to reshape American higher education.

Both sides are digging in for a clash that could test the limits of the government's power and the independence that has made U.S. universities a destination for scholars around the world.

On Monday, Harvard became the first university to openly defy the Trump administration as it demands sweeping changes to limit activism on campus. The university frames the government's demands as a threat not only to the Ivy League school but to the autonomy that the Supreme Court has long granted American universities.

"The university will not surrender its independence or relinquish its constitutional rights," the university's lawyers wrote Monday to the government. "Neither Harvard nor any other private university can allow itself to be taken over by the federal government."

The federal government says it's freezing more than \$2.2 billion in grants and \$60 million in contracts to



Hundreds of demonstrators gather on Cambridge Common during a rally in Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 12, calling on Harvard University to resist what organizers described as attempts by President Trump to influence the institution. (Erin Clark/The Boston Globe via AP, File)

Harvard. The hold on funding marks the seventh time the Trump administration has taken such a step at one of the nation's most elite colleges, in an attempt to force compliance with Trump's political agenda. Six of the seven schools are in the Ivy League.

Harvard is uniquely equipped to push back.

No university is better positioned to put up a fight than Harvard, whose \$53 billion endowment is the largest in the nation. But like other major universities, Harvard also depends on the

federal funding that fuels its scientific and medical research. It's unclear how long Harvard could continue without the frozen money.

Already, Harvard's refusal appears to be emboldening other institutions.

After initially agreeing to several demands from the Trump administration, Columbia University's acting president took a more defiant tone in a campus message Monday, saying some of the demands "are not subject to negotiation."

In her statement, Claire Shipman said she read of Harvard's rejection with "great interest." Columbia was previously seen as a prime candidate to challenge the administration's demands and faced blowback from faculty and free speech groups when it agreed to make concessions instead.

"Harvard is obviously a particularly powerful institution. And its decision has potential to galvanize other universities into some kind of collective push-back," said David Pozen, a Columbia law professor who argued that the government's demands are unlawful.

Trump threatened Tuesday to escalate the dispute, suggesting on social media that Harvard should lose its tax-exempt status "if it keeps pushing political, ideological, and terrorist inspired/supporting 'Sickness'."

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ryan Harris has been appointed by the Superior Court in Sitka, Alaska, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michelle L. Barker. All persons or entities having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within (4) four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative of the estate c/o Law Office of Brandon C. Marx, P.O. Box 6171, Sitka, Alaska 99835 or filed with the Superior Court in this matter.
DATED this 25th day of March, 2025, at Sitka, Alaska.

**Brandon C. Marx
Attorney for Ryan Harris
As Personal Representative
Estate of Michelle L. Barker**
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Sitka Yesterday

20 YEARS AGO

April 2005

The School Board voted Thursday to create a high school class on Alaska history that students must pass before graduation. The unanimous action was in response to a new state regulation requiring all Alaska students to either pass a one-semester course or show proficiency in state history standards before graduation.

50 YEARS AGO

April 1975

A dinner party to honor Evelyn "Sammy" Sam was held at the Channel Club Monday. Evelyn was a surgical technician at Sitka Community Hospital for many years, and Dr. George Longenbaugh spoke of her reliability in orienting the many operating room supervisors over the years.

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Police Blotter

The following calls came in at the police station by 8 a.m. today:

April 14

At 11:30 a.m. a driver in a Nissan Leaf backed into a Toyota in front of the White E, causing about \$2,000 damage but no injuries. While no citations were issued, one of the drivers was referred to the DMV for a re-evaluation of driving privileges.

At 8:37 p.m. a caller reported suspicious activity on DeGroff Street.

At 9:38 p.m. a welfare check was re-

quested at Moller ball field.

April 15

At 6:50 a.m. a caller reported a suspicious person at Eliason Harbor.

A possible case of fraud was reported to police at 9:27 a.m. today.

Clarification

In the Police Blotter for Saturday it was reported that troopers saw a bear getting into trash at the trooper post at 4775 HPR. However, the trash was not at the post but elsewhere in the area, police said today.

Lutherans Schedule Holy Week, Easter

Sitka Lutheran Church invites the community to celebrate Holy Week and Easter.

All are invited to participate in the following gatherings:

—Maundy Thursday service 6:30 p.m. April 17.

—Good Friday service 6:30 p.m. April 18.

—Easter celebration on Sunday, April 20, with Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. and worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Annual Quilt Show Dates Announced

Ocean Wave Quilt Guild will host its 42nd annual Quilt Show May 10-18 at Fraser Hall on the SJ Campus. This year's theme is "Sassy!"

The show opens 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 9.

Daily show hours will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 10, through Saturday, May 17.

The Mother's Day Tea is planned noon-4 p.m. Sunday, May 11.

The last day of the show is Sunday, May 18, with 10 a.m.-3 p.m. hours.

Control Strategies Webinar Set For Orange Hawkweed

Don't be fooled by orange hawkweed — a dainty little orange flower that can take over pastures, lawns or wildflower gardens, the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service warns.

In a free statewide webinar, individuals will learn how orange hawkweed's biology makes it so invasive and how to use that biology to control it. Orange hawkweed spreads quickly and crowds out native plants.

Gino Graziano, invasive plants instructor with the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss how to control such spread and how doing so can take a surprising amount of planning and commitment.

The webinar, Controlling Orange Hawkweed, will be offered via Zoom on Wednesday, April 16, at noon. Register using the online form or by visiting <https://bit.ly/OrangeHawkweed>.

An email with a link to join the virtual class will be sent. All registrants will receive a recording of the class.

For questions, please call 907-745-3360.

Tribal Citizen Sought to Serve

Sitka Tribe of Alaska is seeking a local Tribal citizen to serve on the Health and Human Services Committee.

"This is a great way to get involved and make a difference in the health and wellness of our community, and your voice can help shape important programs and services," STA said in a news release.

The committee meets on the last Friday of every month on noon.

Contact Melonie Boord at 747-7221 or email melonie.boord@sitka-tribe-nsn.gov for information.

Wildlife Cruise Tickets are Ready

Sitka Rotary Club and Allen Marine will hold the club's eighth Wildlife Cruise on the waters surrounding Sitka May 17. The three-hour midday event starts at noon. Participants should arrive at 11:30 a.m. at Crescent Harbor.

Ticket prices for the limited-seating event are: under age 5 with adult free; 5-18, \$35; and 18 and older, \$55. Call (907) 738-2014 for tickets, or stop by Old Harbor Books.

The cruise is sponsored by Allen Marine Tours.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Gary Paxton Industrial Park Board of Directors

The GPIB Board will meet **3:00pm Thursday, April 17** in Room 6 at Harrigan Centennial Hall. Agenda: GPIB Haul Out Development Discussion, GPIB Port Tariff Discussion, Pacific Jewel Marine Lot 9b Long Term Lease Request, Silver Bay Seafoods Lot 9C Short Term Lease Request, and K & E Lot 15 Short Term Lease Request

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Sitka Native Education Program Sets Celebration

Sitka Native Education Program on April 19 will celebrate its 50th anniversary, marking half a century of dedication to Indigenous education, cultural preservation, and community empowerment.

The milestone event will bring together generations of students, educators, and community members to celebrate the program's rich history and its long-lasting impact it continues to have on Sitka and Southeast Alaska, SNEP said in a news release.

Founded in 1974, SNEP was established with a vision to strengthen Tlingit language, culture, and traditions through education. Over the years, it has grown into a cornerstone of cultural learning in Sitka, providing Indigenous youths with opportunities to connect with their heritage through language classes, traditional arts, song and dance, and land-based learning.

Through its after-school programs, summer camps, and school partnerships, SNEP has ensured that cultural knowledge is passed down from elders to future generations.

The 50th anniversary celebration will be a showcase of this legacy, featuring traditional performances, storytelling, cultural demonstrations, and a gathering of alumni and community members who have been part of SNEP's journey.

The event will highlight not only the program's history but also the ways it continues to evolve, adapting to modern educational needs while staying rooted in Tlingit traditions, SNEP

said.

The inception of SNEP began by elders who saw a dire need to bring a sense of identity and cultural connection to the next generation.

"Through their tireless and committed work, these elders gave youth then, and now, the chance to learn about where they came from and who they are through the Tlingit worldview," SNEP said. "We continue to uphold and cherish the cultural teachings from the SNEP founders and instructors: Yeidikook'áa Isabella Brady, Kaal. atk' Charlie Joseph Sr., Aayaanax Tlaa Annie Joseph, Annie Dick, Elizabeth Basco, Sgatoot Emma Duncan Davis, Alice Williams, Maria Guthrie, Vida Davis and Daasdiyáa Ethel Makinen, among many other elders."

Today, SNEP continues to learn from one of the original instructors, Dr. Kéet Tláa Anne Johnson, during the weekdays at SNEP classes.

As SNEP looks to the future, it remains committed to its mission of teaching haa kusteyi and Lingít Yoo Xatángi all while perpetuating cultural practices, SNEP said.

"The 50th anniversary celebration is not just a reflection on the past but a call to action—to continue supporting and expanding Indigenous education for generations to come," SNEP said.

Past students, community supporters, and those looking to learn more about Indigenous culture, are invited to this event.

For more details and how to participate, contact joseph.marks@sitkatriben-nsn.gov or leblancj@sitka-schools.org

Sitkans for Peace To Hold Drop-In

Sitkans for Peace and Democracy will hold a drop-in at the meeting room at Sitka Public Library 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15.

"Stop by to fill out a Freedom of Information Form to see what information DOGE has collected on you," organizers said.



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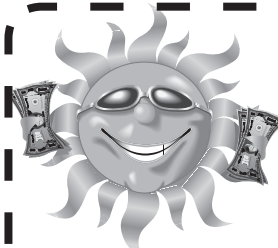
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SENTINEL SPORTS

Bueckers Tops WNBA Draft, Headed to Dallas

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Paige Bueckers is ready for her next chapter after a whirlwind week that started with her helping UConn win its 12th national championship and ended with her becoming the WNBA's No. 1 draft pick by the Dallas Wings.

"I'm just extremely excited to be there. I've only heard great things about the city," Bueckers said of Dallas. "So excited to start that new chapter and be in a new city and explore that and give everything I have to the Wings organization. I know we're going to do great things, and it's a fresh start, and I think we're all ready to do something special."

The versatile UConn star is the latest Huskies standout to go No. 1, joining former greats Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Tina Charles, Maya Moore and Breanna Stewart.

Bueckers has had a busy time since helping UConn win the title on April 6. She has split her time between New York and Connecticut doing morning and nighttime talk shows. On Sunday, she took part in the Huskies' championship parade.

"I'm glad New York and Storrs are pretty close to each other because there's been a lot of back and forth," Bueckers said. "Part of me wants to stay at school, celebrate with the team, be with them, enjoy the last moments of being in Storrs, and the other part of me has to get ready for the next chapter."

Bueckers got to enjoy the moment Monday night with her UConn team-



UConn's Paige Bueckers, right, poses for a photo with WNBA commissioner Cathy Engelbert after being selected first overall by the Dallas Wings during the first round of the WNBA draft, Monday in New York. (AP Photo/Pamela Smith)

mates and coach Geno Auriemma who were in the audience at the draft, which was held at The Shed in New York. Bueckers choked up when talking about her former Huskies teammates.

"They mean everything to me. They helped me get through highs and lows," Bueckers said.

Seattle followed Dallas' selection by taking 19-year-old French star Dominique Malonga with the No. 2 pick. The 6-foot-6 Malonga was part of the silver medal winning French Olympic basketball team. She's the first French player

to be drafted this high since 1997, when Isabelle Fijalkowski went second.

"I was so proud to achieve that goal," Malonga said. "It showed that French basketball has evolved as we've seen the past few years on the NBA side. We see Wemby (Victor Wembanyama) and Zaccharie (Risacher) show that French basketball is great."

The Washington Mystics, with a new coach and general manager, then took Notre Dame's Sonia Citron with the third pick, and Southern Cal's Kiki Iriafen with No. 4. They also took Ken-

tucky guard Georgia Amoore with the sixth pick. Amoore was dressed on the WNBA's orange carpet by NBA star Russell Westbrook, who has a clothing brand called Honor The Gift. Amoore said Westbrook designed her outfit and was amazing to work with since they first got together on a Zoom session last November.

"It's phenomenal. He did such a good job," Amoore said of Westbrook. "It wasn't just to put his name on something. He spent hours at the hotel fitting it ... He's been very active in the process. To have a contact like that now, someone I can lean on or into is amazing. It's the start. You'll see this happen more often. It's a blessing to be the first one to do this."

The expansion Golden State Valkyries made Juste Jocyte of Lithuania with the first draft choice in franchise history.

Connecticut had consecutive picks and took LSU's Aneesah Morrow seventh and N.C. State's Saniya Rivers eighth.

Los Angeles took Alabama's Sarah Ashlee Barker ninth. Chicago drafted Ajasa Sivka from Slovenia 10th, and then TCU's Hailey Van Lith next.

Dallas closed out the first round drafting Aziah James of N.C. State.

Six teams didn't have picks in the opening round as New York, Indiana, Minnesota, Phoenix and Atlanta traded away their picks. Las Vegas forfeited its pick following an investigation by the league in 2023 that found the franchise violated league rules regarding impermissible player benefits and workplace policies.

CBS Scores Season's First Win

By Sentinel Staff
In the second day of the City League volleyball tournament Monday, Ludvig's Lancers notched a 2-1 victory against Subway in a competitive division match.

Also playing competitively, the YAPPERS beat Fisheye 2-0.

In a recreational tournament match, the CBS City Boys scored their first victory of the season, taking down the Gillnetters 2-0. Deez Netz progressed in the tournament after winning by forfeit against How I Set Your Mother.

The bracket-based tourney will continue into next week.

Grizzlies Sail past Mavericks

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Lamar Stevens scored a career-high 31 points, Marvin Bagley III had 25 points and 11 rebounds and the Memphis Grizzlies defeated the Dallas Mavericks 132-97 on Sunday in the teams' regular-season finale.

Both the Grizzlies and Mavericks will play in the Western Conference play-in tournament. So, with both teams' positions pretty well set — Memphis at No. 8 and Dallas at No. 10 — many of the starters sat out with soreness, injury recovery or rest.

That left Sunday's game as a contest between bench players.

Cam Spencer scored 23 points and Jay Huff had 22 for Memphis.

Daniel Gafford led the Mavericks with 20 points and seven rebounds. Jaden Hardy scored 17 points and Max Christie finished with 14 points.

Memphis increased the lead to 23 points in the second quarter, but Dallas scored the final 10 points of the half to cut the Mavericks' deficit to 67-54. Gafford scored 18 points, missing on one of

his eight shots.

Mavericks: Dallas struggled down the stretch, losing four of its last five.

Grizzlies: With major players such as Ja Morant, Jaren Jackson Jr. and Desmond Bane taking the game off, Memphis gave its reserves extended playing time.

Diminutive Memphis backup guard Yuki Kawamura had a pair of spectacular assists in the second quarter. He grabbed a turnover by Dallas and flipped it overhead to a streaking Bagley for a dunk. A couple of minutes later, with Memphis on the break, he dropped a bounce pass between his legs to a trailing Spencer for a 3-pointer.

Memphis outscored Dallas 65-43 after halftime to break the game open.

Dallas is the No. 10 seed and will play at No. 9 Sacramento on Wednesday night. The winner will then have to beat the loser of the Golden State-Memphis game to face top-seeded Oklahoma City in the first round. The No. 8 Grizzlies will be on the road Tuesday night to face the No. 7 Warriors.

Vance Fumbles Ohio Trophy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President JD Vance ended the Ohio State football team's visit to the White House on Monday by fumbling the team's national championship trophy.

After laudatory speeches by President Donald Trump, Buckeye coach Ryan Day and Vance on the South Lawn, the vice president — an Ohio State graduate — tried to hoist aloft the trophy.

He didn't count on the trophy's golden top being designed to separate from its black base. After some struggling, the vice president lost his grip on the two pieces. OSU running back TreVeyon Henderson, standing behind Vance, grabbed the football-shaped top of the trophy. But the base fell to the ground, forcing Vance to grasp around as it rolled a short distance.

Some of the players around the vice president winced. The United States Marine Corps Band, which performs at presidential events, had to compete with audible gasps from the players and crowd as it played "We Are the Champions."

Henderson and Day helped Vance re-

assemble the trophy, and the vice president later held just the top, cradling it in his arms while the players around him chuckled.

As pictures and videos of Vance's fumble rocketed across the internet, the vice president tried to explain away the gaffe with self-deprecation: "I didn't want anyone after Ohio State to get the trophy so I decided to break it," he wrote on X.

Trump credited the Ohio State team with winning the 2024 college football championship despite "adversity," including the team's upset loss to unranked Michigan 13-10 at home in November.

Trump said he hesitated to mention OSU's fourth consecutive defeat to "the team up north — we won't talk about it."

Before fumbling the trophy, Vance also used part of his speech to mention the Buckeyes' biggest rival — singling out an audience member in a Michigan hat.

"I don't know who let the guy over in the corner here, in a Michigan hat, into this celebration," Vance said. "But I'm about to tell the Secret Service, 'You've got a dangerous weapon, sir.'"

Prince Goes Undrafted in WNBA

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

Sedona Prince has gotten a lot of attention for her social media posts, drawing attention to gender equity questions at the NCAA Tournament in 2021, and her status as a lead plaintiff in a landmark antitrust lawsuit standing up for college athletes.

On Monday night, her name wasn't mentioned as the WNBA rolled through 38 selections in its 29th draft.

The only place her name was mentioned? As a potential draft pick during the draft by analysts.

Prince just finished her seventh and final year of college basketball at TCU, where she helped the Horned Frogs reach the Elite Eight for the first time in school history.

She first hit the spotlight with her viral video back in the NCAA Tournament bubble in 2021.

That pointed out the stark inequities between how the NCAA treated men and women during its basketball tournaments. Her post helped prompt an NCAA-commissioned report reviewing gender equity, which led to the use of the phrase March Madness and the start of paying women's programs units for participating in the tournament.

Prince started playing in 2019 at Oregon before graduating in May 2022 and transferring to TCU for the past two seasons.

In January, Prince was involved in a physical altercation with a woman she used to date, and both women filed police reports alleging they were assaulted. Prince's lawyer, A. Boone Almanza, acknowledged that campus police responded to a disturbance on Jan. 18 at Prince's off-campus residence after a call from the player. Almanza said that no charges have been filed.

The 24-year-old Prince denied all of the allegations made against her through her attorney and said that she has never "abused anyone in her life, whether mentally, emotionally or physically."

Prince also is a lead plaintiff in a landmark antitrust lawsuit that will help get money for college athletes. Prince attended a hearing April 7 where a federal judge in Oakland, California, heard arguments for the landmark House settlement.

The 6-foot-7 center earned honorable mention AP All-America honors. But Prince was not among the 16 prospects invited to attend Monday night's draft at The Shed.

The question now is does she get invited by a WNBA team for a tryout or is playing overseas her best option. The center from Liberty Hill, Texas, averaged 17.2 points a game this season and started all 58 games played at TCU. She started 86 of 108 games played over five seasons.

Injured Ski Great Brignone Faces Long Recovery

By DANIELLA MATAR
AP Sports Writer

MILAN (AP) — Italian skier Federica Brignone's first aim is to walk again before she begins to even think of competing in next year's home Olympics.

Brignone was discharged from the hospital only last Tuesday, five days after breaking multiple bones in her left leg and tearing her ACL in a giant slalom crash.

The injuries raised questions about 34-year-old Brignone's chances of competing at the Olympics in 10 months. The World Cup overall champion was expected to be one of Italy's stars in the Milan-Cortina Games.

"I don't know. We're not doctors and they don't know," Brignone said on Monday, when asked about when she was expecting to be able to put on her skis again. "Everything depends on how the physiotherapy goes ... on how my body responds. But before four or five months it's impossible and that's if everything goes well."

"Step by step. First, I'm thinking about walking again, and then we'll see about the rest."

Brignone reiterated that her issues will become clearer when she has more tests 45 days after the operation.

Brignone was nevertheless smiling as she spoke at a media day organized by the Italian winter sports federation, appearing via video link ahead of her first physiotherapy session.

"I'm a super positive person. What happened to me isn't nice but it hap-



Overall World Cup skiing champion Italy's Federica Brignone is carried away on a toboggan after she broke multiple bones in her left leg during a giant slalom crash at the Italian championships, in Val di Fassa, Italy, April 3. (AP Photo/Elvis Piazza)

pened and I can't go back in time," she said. "So it's useless to think negatively. I'm just trying to think positively and get through it the best way possible."

"I want to work for small aims, small steps and I'll try to give my utmost to get better as quick as possible and in the best way possible."

Brignone also published an Instagram post on Monday of pictures of her with the overall crystal globe and ending with a photo of her injury, with a long line of stitches or staples run-

ning down her leg.

Last season was the best in Brignone's career and the crash happened at the Italian championships in what was meant to be a celebratory final week of competition.

Brignone, also the giant slalom winner at the world championships in February, won 10 World Cups across three different disciplines (five giant slaloms, three super-Gs and two downhill) this season. At 34, she became the oldest woman to win a World Cup race.

Pelicans Fire Ops Chief after Rough Season

By BRETT MARTEL
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The New Orleans Pelicans fired basketball operations chief David Griffin on Monday, ending a six-year chapter during which the club drafted former Duke superstar Zion Williamson but still struggled to win consistently with three different coaches.

Griffin, whose title was executive vice president of basketball operations, leaves his post one day after a 115-100 loss to Oklahoma City that extended the injury-plagued club's season-ending skid to seven games.

"This was a difficult decision, but one that I feel is necessary at this time to bring a fresh approach to our front office and build a culture that will deliver sustainable success," Pelicans owner Gayle Benson said in a written statement.

The Pelicans' 21-61 record — fourth worst in the NBA this season —

was the franchise's second-worst mark since arriving in New Orleans in 2002 and worst since the 2004-05 season, when the club, then called the Hornets, went 18-64.

But the Pelicans' failures this season — their first in the past four without a postseason berth — appeared less tied to the level of talent on the roster than the health of all of their starters and even prominent reserves.

Injuries were so rampant that Griffin never got to watch top players on the team he assembled last summer all play together under the direction of Willie Green, the coach he hired four years ago.

Green's future remains uncertain and could be decided by Griffin's yet-to-be-named replacement. A person with knowledge of the situation confirmed Monday that the Pelicans have had discussions to gauge Louisiana native Joe Dumars' interest in the job, a detail first reported by ESPN. Dumars is

a former NBA executive of the year and currently an executive vice president in the league office. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither side announced the talks publicly.

"I haven't had any discussions, any talks yet," Green said Sunday when asked about his future with the club. "I didn't do great. I have to take full ownership of where we are as a team. We failed. I failed."

But Green said he hoped that the club's evaluation of him would include the previous three seasons, when New Orleans qualified for the Western Conference play-in and twice advanced to a first-round playoff series.

"I think that's important. You try to look at the body of work," Green said. "But I didn't give myself this job. I had to be chosen for this position, and I'm grateful."

Green succeeded Stan Van Gundy, who was fired in 2021 after just one non-playoff season. Van Gundy was hired in 2020 after Griffin fired Alvin Gentry, a coach he inherited in 2019 and kept in place for one campaign that also ended short of the postseason.

This season, Williamson missed 52 games because of several injuries, his hamstring strain being the worst of them.

Starting guard Dejounte Murray — seen as the club's highest-profile acquisition last offseason — missed 51 games because of hand and Achilles injuries.

Herb Jones, recognized as one of the NBA's top defensive players, missed 62

games with repeated right shoulder injuries.

High-scoring wing Brandon Ingram, who began this season unhappy about the lack of a contract extension he sought, appeared in just 18 games with New Orleans because of an ankle injury before he was traded to Toronto in February.

Trey Murphy III missed 29 games with multiple injuries.

Griffin, who did not speak with media on Sunday, joined the Pelicans in 2019. Shortly afterward, the Pelicans won the NBA's draft lottery, giving them the opportunity to draft Williamson, the consensus top overall prospect that year.

But what appeared to be good fortune at that time in retrospect looks more like a curse.

Plagued by injuries, Williamson has missed 258 out of 472 regular-season games since he was drafted — and has never appeared in a postseason game.

The Pelicans have a regular season record of 209-263 since Griffin arrived and drafted Williamson, and the club lost both of the first-round playoff series it reached during that period.

This season's record also was the Pelicans' worst since Benson's late husband, Tom, bought the club in 2012.

Those results have left an air of uncertainty around the coming Pelicans offseason — not just for the front office and coaching staff.

"We truly don't know who's going back. I'm just trying to be honest with you," Murphy said. "Nobody is safe."

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.

Medvejie Solstice Run

June 21 at 9 a.m.

Please join us for the 18th running of this SHS Cross Country and Track program fundraiser. The three distance events will begin and end at Herring Cove, adjacent to the Beaver Lake Trailhead parking lot at the end of Sawmill Creek Road. All races will head out toward Medvejie Hatchery and back. The half marathon turn-around is at the Green Lake Power House, 10K near the Medvejie Hatchery, and the 5K at about half-way out to the hatchery. This is a hilly course, please train accordingly.

Registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/AK/Sitka/MedvejieSolsticeRun> (open until 8 p.m. on 6/20/25). Fees: \$30 - 5K, \$35 - 10K and \$45 - 1/2 marathon. Virtual events are also available for \$30.

In-person registration will be available on race day until 8:30 a.m. at Herring Cove but registration fees are \$5 more on race day. A non cotton T-shirt is included for the first 75 entrants. (SHS students run for free & t-shirt can be purchased separately.)

Volunteers are warmly invited to support this fun event. For more information email sitkahigh@gmail.com, or send a message on our Facebook page.

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 christinemariehoran@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 christinemariehoran@gmail.com or 907-747-6471.

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

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a single man with no siblings. My elderly father passed away eight months ago. My mother is now in hospice with a life expectancy of weeks to months. My parents have lived long and productive lives, and I'm proud of both of them. We have always been very close. Since their terminal illnesses, I have managed to function fairly well.

My problem is with certain "triggers." For example, I can no longer go to the beach because I always remember my father's voice welcoming me home when I returned. The worst one is when people see my childhood photos and say, "Your parents must have loved you a lot."

I know these people mean well, but I can't help grieving over the bond I had and have lost with my parents. I plan to seek counseling, but I would appreciate any advice you would have about reducing the effect of these triggers. -- THEIR SON IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SON: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father. You may need help coping with the pain of losing him, as well as dealing with your mother's sad prognosis. When a loved one dies, there are, of course, bittersweet memories. Managing them is an individual process.

If you haven't joined a grief support group, I urge you to find one. If the group setting doesn't provide enough help for the overwhelming emotions you are feeling, a licensed psychotherapist can offer more support. The people helping your mother with her hospice care surely

can suggest some resources for you. Please don't put it off. Start now.

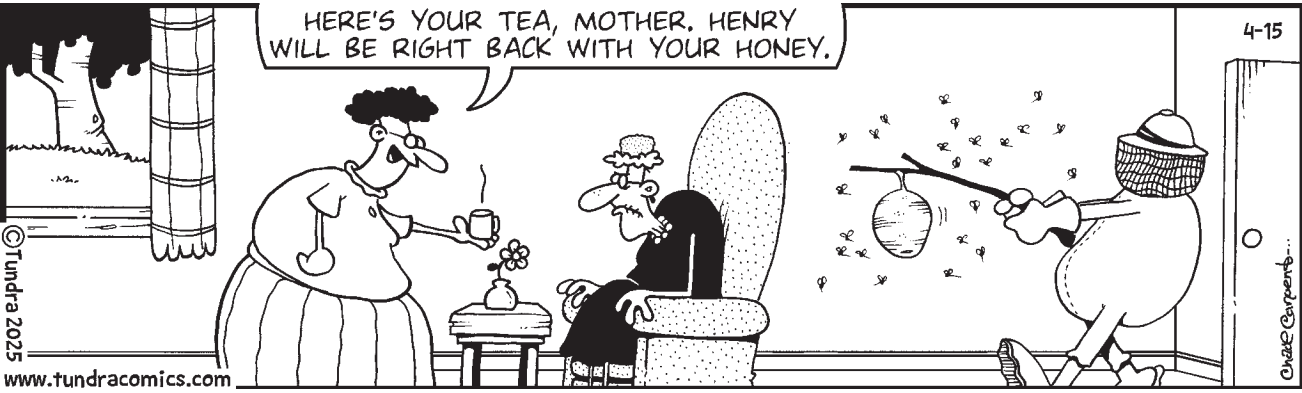
DEAR ABBY: How long would you give your partner to get a full-time job? What if that partner was helpful in other areas of the household, brought in rental income from a home he owned and helped with the kids? I am in a predicament.

My spouse has been working as an adjunct professor since we met and has remained in that career for 17 years without benefits or a salary that can support us. We have children now, and I have been working my tail off for more than 10 years to provide a lifestyle for our family.

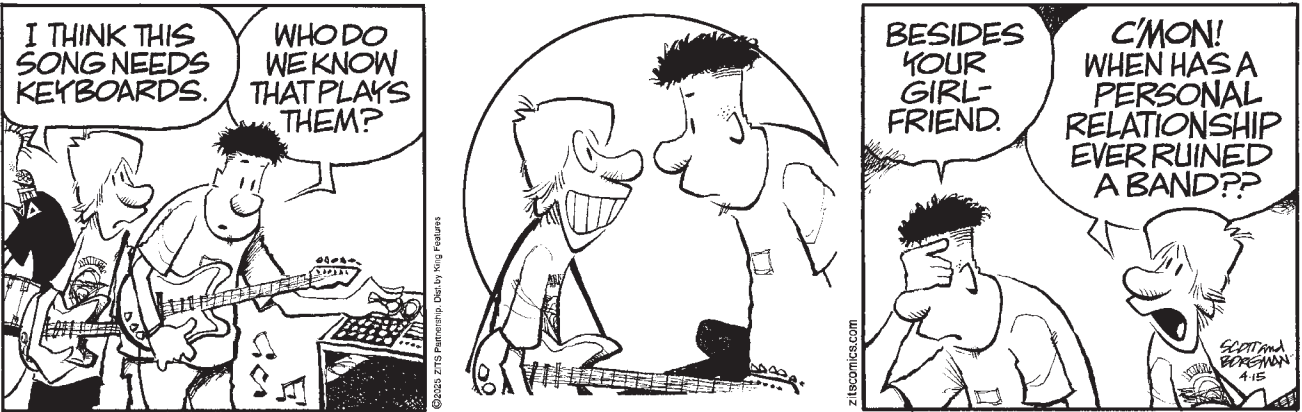
Would you let your husband continue in his dream of adjunct professor, or make him get an additional part-time job to bring in more income? And would you leave this person if he didn't want to do more to help provide for the family? -- EXHAUSTED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR EXHAUSTED: Would leaving your husband improve your lifestyle? You and your husband should consult a financial adviser and discuss your situation. From what you have written, your husband doesn't sit around doing nothing. He may be doing his best to contribute in other ways. If the numbers don't add up, it is possible he may need to do something more to generate income. But a word of caution: Do not issue an ultimatum unless you are ready to follow through.

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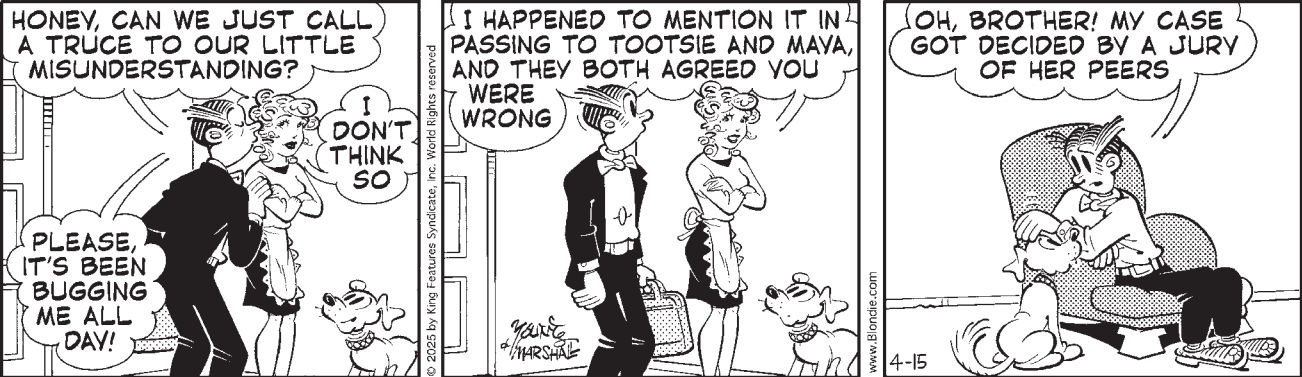
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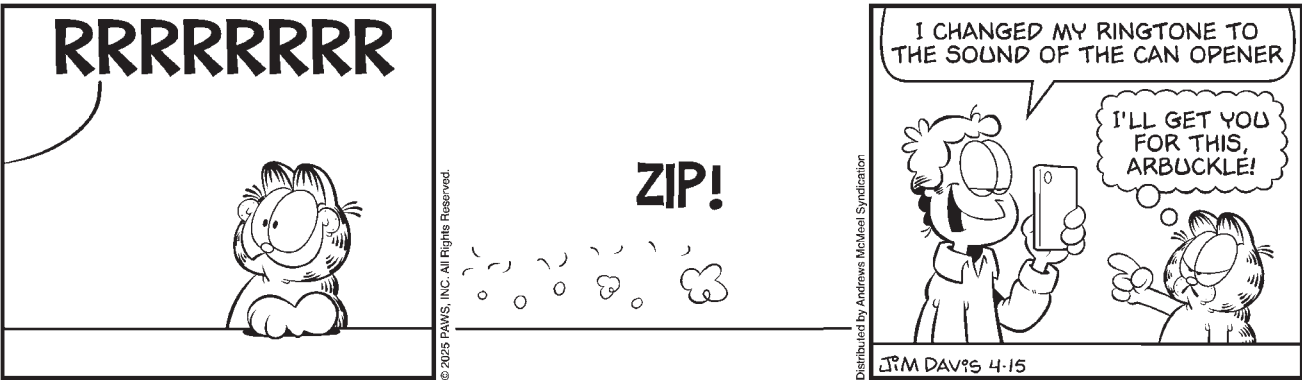
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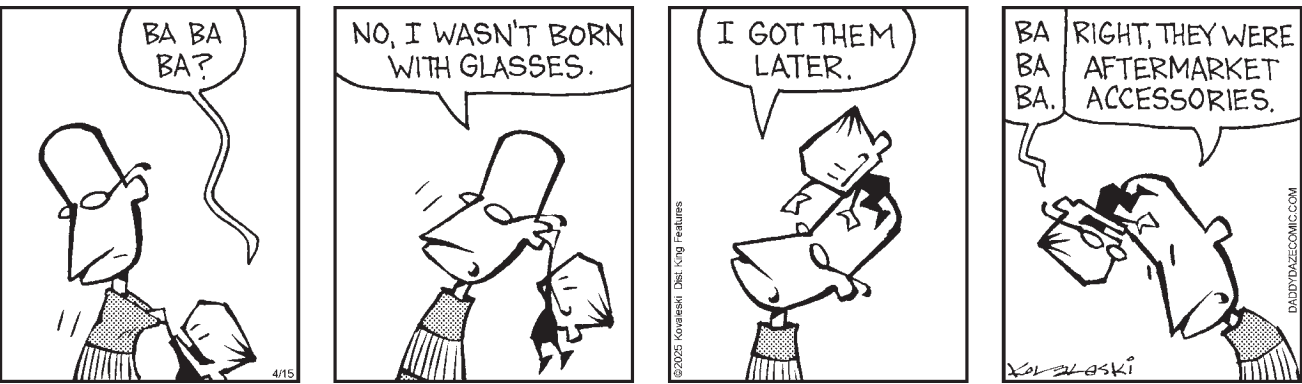
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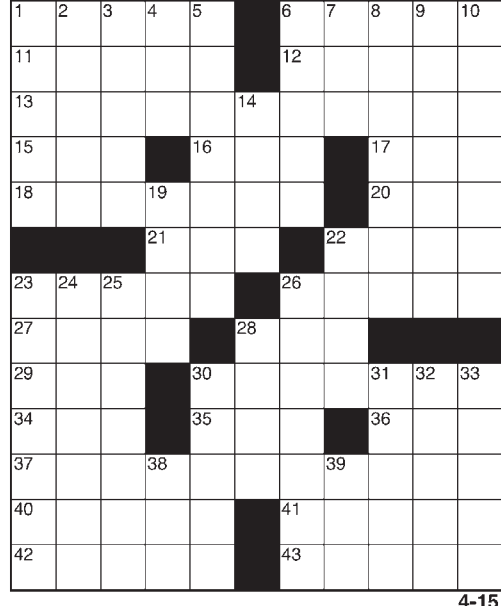
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Sitka by the Stars

For Wednesday, April 16, 2025

If it's been difficult to get much accomplished because of a lack of clarity or focus, the fog should begin to clear today. We can expect a surge of ideas, solutions and creative inspiration that will enable us to make progress with our goals or duties of the day. We might also find ourselves eager to learn and explore. It's a great day for trying out a new hobby or activity, traveling to new places, and engaging with our imagination. Connecting with inspiring, bold and innovative thinkers will also be beneficial.

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)
Plans and projects should begin to pick up pace. The inspiration you've been needing arrives. You'll soon be on the move again.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)
Recognizing what you can control versus what you can't and accepting this truth can help ease your worries.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)
Seek to connect with creative and idealistic people. Together, you can make the world better.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)
Using your intuition as a problem-solving strategy will get you the results that you want.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Think optimistically about where you're headed, but also try to find joy in the now.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
It's a good time to write or journal about what you're feeling because you can gain a lot of insight from it.

It can also help you get out of your head.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A conversation with an understanding or empathetic person may be just what you need. On a similar note, others will appreciate your compassionate advice.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
It might be hard to stick to a schedule today. Manage your expectations and do the best you can.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You'll find refuge in creative work or interests. Let yourself play!

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Don't push yourself too hard. You and your mind need rest.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Your resourcefulness will get you closer to reaching your goals.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to March 20)
You can gauge whether something is right for you by how excited or curious you are about it.

FOR TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
You're a lighthearted soul. Your optimistic attitude makes you a joy to be around. You know how to bring out the best in people. You can find the silver lining in any cloud, even during challenging or difficult times. Your love of learning makes you smart and insightful. You don't limit yourself or play small. In life, your motto is to "go big or go home." This year, expect experiences, lessons and travels that will help expand your thinking and shed old beliefs that may have been holding you back.

King Classic Sudoku

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YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Difficulty: ★★

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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.

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.

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RMAQO, KSL LTO UCX CHLOA
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SPRING IS WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE WHISTLING, EVEN WITH A SHOE FULL OF SLUSH. — DOUG LARSON

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ISRAEL 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: MAMMALS
(e.g., The name of this nocturnal lemur sounds very positive. Answer: Aye-aye.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. The name of this flying mammal is also a term used in baseball. Answer: _____

2. Which state is the "Gopher State"? Answer: _____

3. The name of this mammal means "thorny pig." Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. The male of this type of whale has a long, spirally twisted tusk. Answer: _____

5. Humans, monkeys and gorillas belong to this order of mammals. Answer: _____

6. Name one of the two U.S. states that has the beaver as its symbol. Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Only mammals have this sheet of muscle separating the thorax from the abdomen. Answer: _____

8. This marsupial is the nickname of the Australian national rugby union team. Answer: _____

9. A mouse, rat, squirrel and beaver are members of this order of mammals. Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Bat, 2. Minnesota, 3. Forcupine, 4. Narwhal, 5. Pl- mates, 6. New York and Oregon, 7. Diaphragm, 8. Wallaby (the Walla- bies), 9. Rodent.

ATO Chief Reaffirms Support for Ukraine

ODESA, Ukraine (AP) — NATO’s support for Ukraine remains “unwavering,” the alliance’s secretary-general said today, emphasizing that more than 20 billion euros — over \$22 billion — in security assistance has already been pledged by NATO allies in the first three months of the year.

Mark Rutte spoke on Tuesday in Ukraine’s port city of Odesa, where he met with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

His visit came days after two Russian ballistic missiles struck the city of Sumy on Palm Sunday morning, killing at least 35 people, including two children, and injuring 119.

The attack on the northeastern city, about 30 kilometers (20 miles) from Ukraine’s border with Russia, marked the second large-scale attack in just over a week to result in significant civilian casualties. Earlier this month, about 20 people were killed, including nine children, after a Russian ballistic missile struck Zelenskyy’s hometown of Kryvyi Rih on April 4.

“I’m here today because I believe Ukraine’s people deserve real peace, real safety and security in their country, in their homes,” Rutte said during a joint news conference with Zelenskyy. The two met with wounded Ukrainian soldiers at a hospital in Odesa.

This is Rutte’s first trip to Ukraine since U.S. President Donald Trump assumed the lead in ceasefire negotiations between Kyiv and Moscow, which have included several rounds of talks in Saudi Arabia.

“These discussions are not easy, not least in the wake of this horrific violence,” Rutte said, referring to the recent strikes. “But we all support President Trump’s push for peace.”

Ukraine has endorsed the broader U.S.-proposed cease-fire deal, though Russia has effectively stalled the pro-

cess by attaching far-reaching conditions.

A ‘coalition of the willing’ Meanwhile, Ukraine and its European partners are continuing to develop the infrastructure for the “coalition of the willing,” which is expected to act as a long-term security guarantee aimed at deterring future Russian aggression after a ceasefire is in place.

Amid that uncertainty and U.S. warnings that Europe must take care of its own security and that of Ukraine in the future, the multinational force is seen as a first test of the continent’s willingness to defend itself and its interests.

Zelenskyy said Turkey could play a significant role in providing future Black Sea security guarantees for Ukraine.

“This is not about ending the war, unfortunately,” Zelenskyy said, commenting on the security meeting being hosted by Turkey on Tuesday and Wednesday. “It’s about what comes after — the security guarantees for Ukraine following a ceasefire.”

He said military representatives from Ukraine, France, the United Kingdom and Turkey are discussing the presence of a military contingent in the Black Sea as part of those guarantees.

“The fact that these talks are ongoing, that we are preparing for this hopeful, soon-to-be achieved eventuality — NATO tries to steer that in the direction we think would be advisable,” Rutte said.

The meeting in Turkey comes less than a month after the United States announced that Russia and Ukraine had agreed to “eliminate the use of force” in the Black Sea. However, key details remained unresolved, and the Kremlin has tied the deal to the lifting of certain Western sanctions.



Vehicles for export are parked at a port in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, today. (AP Photo/Lee Jin-man)

Trump Stirs Automakers With Talk of Tariff Delay

By ALEXA ST. JOHN
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — President Donald Trump hinted that he might temporarily relieve the auto industry from “permanent” tariffs he previously imposed on the business. The president didn’t specify how long the potential pause would be or what it would entail, but the auto sector is awaiting how rules might change on 25% tariffs based on U.S. parts, if duties remain on assembled vehicles.

Experts have said short pauses aren’t likely to give carmakers enough of an opportunity to adjust their vast global supply chains, though parts exemptions would certainly bolster the industry amid Trump’s trade war whiplash.

Trump told reporters Monday that automakers “need a little bit of time because they’re going to make them here, but they need a little bit of time. So I’m talking about things like that,” referring to relocating production from Canada, Mexico and elsewhere. The news drove global auto stocks up Tuesday.

Matt Blunt, president of the American Automotive Policy Council, which represents domestic auto companies Ford, General Motors and Stellantis, said in a statement: “There is increasing awareness that broad tariffs on parts could undermine our shared goal of building a thriving and growing American auto industry, and that many of these supply chain transitions will take time.”

Trump first announced 25% automotive tariffs late March; the tariffs for completed vehicles took effect on April 3, while the parts tariffs were set to start 30 days later.

“The one-month delay is intended to give the U.S. government time to work out rules to exempt the value of automotive parts that contains U.S.-made materials, which will not be subject to the tariffs,” according to insights from law firm Foley & Lardner, noting a “carveout” for parts certified under regional trade pact, the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement. The Department of Commerce is expected to determine “a system to calculate non-U.S. content” by May 3.

At the same time, automakers are

Visas ...

Continued from Front Page discrimination, vandalism and violence,” and called on the government to use “all available and appropriate legal tools, to prosecute, remove, or otherwise hold to account the perpetrators of unlawful anti-Semitic harassment and violence.” Last week, the Trump administration announced it would screen immigrants’ social media for what it termed “antisemitism.”

However, students and advocates nationally have said many students are targeted for their involvement in peaceful protests to support Palestinians affected by the ongoing war, and the Trump administration’s actions target First Amendment protected rights to freedom of speech.

Olano said it’s a “huge difference” between participating in a protest and a criminal infraction leading to a notice to appear before an immigration judge and be placed in deportation proceedings, but he advised students to take extra caution.

“It’s horrible; I’m having to say this because I think that the First Amendment, the Constitution, covers every single individual that is in the United States presently,” he said. “But at this moment, you should not exercise your right to free speech because you can have consequences. That’s the most un-American thing ever. But I’m saying it.”

Olano advised students to contact an immigration attorney, adding that legal resources and information are available by contacting the ACLU of Alaska.

In addition to the effect on international students, Olano expressed concern for the state’s economy and future.

“This is going to hurt Alaska in the long run,” he said. “In the short term, too. We’re going to see less students that bring money from their countries to spend here at the universities. Because international students pay significantly higher tuition fees than the local students, and those monies are going to stop coming in. We are going to lose prospective employees for companies. And with all that is going on, Alaska is going to be hurting even more for people.”

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navigating steel and aluminum imports levies of at least 25%; 25% duties on all goods from Canada and Mexico; 10% global tariffs and reciprocal tariffs around the world — paused for 90 days, and both of which automotive is exempt from; and tariffs on China at 145%.

Autos Drive America, which represents foreign automakers, said in a statement that “hitting pause on auto tariffs would be a step in the right direction and would allow automakers to deliver more choices at better prices for consumers.”

“Tariffs raise costs across the board — making it more expensive to build cars in America and harder for families to find the vehicle that fits their needs,” the group added. “A pause on auto parts allows automakers to continue production in the U.S. without disruption while a pause on finished vehicles allows automakers to sell vehicles and keep investing in U.S. plants and jobs.”

The United Auto Workers labor union did not respond to a request for comment.

The on-again, off-again tariffs have already wrought havoc for any number of global sectors but especially the auto industry, which relies on a complex network of parts from around the world.

Births ...

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And while babies born to mothers from northern and Western Alaska are more likely to have adverse outcomes than the state average, the rates for those rural women are not worse than the national rate, she pointed out.

About 1 in 10 babies in the United States are born preterm, the study notes. That is about the same as the rates the study found for babies born to northern and Western Alaska women.

Hahn said the study can guide health policies in the state to help women and their babies.

Tobacco-cessation programs can be useful, she said. So could anything that reduces pregnant women’s need for travel or makes travel, when it is necessary, easier and more comfortable.

Telehealth could be used for some prenatal care for rural women, though certain visits would still have to be conducted in person, Hahn said.

A bill pending in the Alaska Legislature, Senate Bill 83, is aimed at making telehealth more available. It would require that insurers fully reimburse health providers for telehealth services.

Other ways to reduce risks of adverse birth outcomes involve holistic approaches that consider rural and Alaska Native needs and cultures, Hahn said.

One organization that has been helpful to that end, she said, is the Alaska Native Birthworkers Community, a network of Indigenous midwives, doulas, breastfeeding consultants and other health experts. The community provides prenatal and postpartum support and education.

Not considered in this new study are environmental factors that may affect birth outcomes.

Those will be addressed in a different study by Hahn and her research partners that is expected to be published later in the year. They are examining the impacts of wildfire smoke on child-birth outcomes.

Wildfire smoke is a well-known health hazard. It has already been shown to increase risks of preterm birth elsewhere, in California and Brazil, for example.

In Alaska, climate change is causing wildfire seasons to become longer and more intense, and wildfire smoke problems in Alaska communities have increased over time, according to University of Alaska Fairbanks researchers.

In Fairbanks, for example, smoke-free summers were common prior to 2000, but those have occurred only twice since then, according to a new report led by UAF’s Alaska Fire Science Consortium. According to the report, titled Alaska’s Changing Wildfire Environment 2.0, Fairbanks for the first time had three consecutive summers, from 2022 to 2024, with at least 100 hours of smoke that was thick enough to degrade air quality.

Hahn said wildfire smoke is not just a Fairbanks or Interior Alaska problem. “Even if that’s where the wildfires are, smoke is affecting most of Alaska during the really bad years,” she said.

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Motive Sought in Arson At Pa. Governor’s Home

By MARK SCOLFORO
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A man charged with setting fire to Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro’s mansion over the weekend had struggled with mental illness, twice being treated at a psychiatric hospital in recent years, his brother said today.

Court records and interviews with family members show Cody Balmer’s life unraveled dramatically in the years before authorities say the 38-year-old scaled an iron security fence in the middle of the night, eluded police and set the Democratic governor’s mansion ablaze.

Dan Balmer, an electrical engineer who lives in the Harrisburg suburbs, told The Associated Press that he had given Cody Balmer a place to live a couple years ago. He was involved in getting his brother treatment at the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute twice, saying Cody Balmer exhibited disturbing behavior.

“He’s had ups and downs his whole life with the bipolar,” Dan Balmer said. “He doesn’t believe he’s bipolar, so he doesn’t take his medicine.”

A motive for the attack, including whether it had anything to do with Shapiro’s politics or religious beliefs, wasn’t immediately clear.

Cody Balmer, who is registered as an unaffiliated voter, had always been politically interested and considered himself “more of an independent than anything else,” his brother said, but that seemed to change during the 2024 election, when “he tried to convince everybody in the family” to vote for Donald Trump.

UAS ...

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that the open house would show visitors “how much there is that’s special to this campus, and how much there is to grow, but how great we are already.”

Pepper, who is vice president of the UAS-Sitka Student Government Association, builds community at the campus through her work organizing student support nights, and activities like barbecues, hikes, trash clean-ups, and an end-of-year whale watching tour.

UAS provides funding for these events, enabling the student government to lay in supplies like personal hygiene products and food for the student food pantry.

Student Government leaders across the UAS system work together on a “coalition of student leaders” that meets regularly on Zoom, and convenes in Juneau each year to lobby for the statewide university system.

As of last month, every single UAS campus has a student government, Pepper said. The Ketchikan campus was the most recent to organize a student government.

Pepper also works on contract for UAS as a student peer coach. She said this program provides a comfortable alternative for students who need extra help with class assignments.

UAS-Sitka provides many opportunities for “learning how to do college here in a smaller safer environment,” said Aklié Helen Dangel, an academic adviser with UAS-Sitka.

The campus also offers community-wide resources, such as a testing center that offers professional and standardized exams, and community event spaces, Dangel said.

“We are the community campus where you can take your general education requirements, you can get an associate’s degree if you want ... we have students who transfer onto other universities,” Dangel told the Sentinel.

The UAS-Sitka campus’ new “Sitka Start” program is built for “people who haven’t done college before to come and try things out,” Dangel said. She said the supportive program is open to freshmen or other students with fewer

The night before the governor’s residence was attacked, Dan Balmer said, Cody Balmer flipped over a table containing a jigsaw puzzle at the home where he lived with their parents. Dan Balmer said he felt Cody was verbally abusive to their parents and urged his mother to stand up for herself.

“I remember specifically telling my mom, ‘You need to get mad at him because he’s taking advantage of you guys,’” he said.

Christie Balmer, Cody Balmer’s mother, said Monday that she had made calls in recent days about her son’s mental health, but “nobody would help.”

Dan Balmer said that his brother had a grudge against his wife because she pressed for Cody Balmer to get inpatient psychiatric care and that he claimed she was a witch who had cast a spell on him.

Fire caused significant damage and forced an evacuation

The attack is the latest act of political violence in the U.S. Balmer, of Harrisburg, was denied bail Monday as he faced charges including attempted homicide, terrorism and arson. He did not enter a plea. He had told police he planned to beat Shapiro with a small sledgehammer if he encountered him after breaking into the building, according to court documents.

The fire caused significant damage and forced Shapiro, his family and guests, including other relatives, to evacuate the building early Sunday. The residence, built in 1968, did not have sprinklers, and the damage could be in the millions of dollars, Harrisburg Fire Chief Brian Enterline said.

than 30 credits.

Pepper, who enrolled in “Sitka Start” this fall, explained that the program is hinged on a course called “Navigating College” that connects students with resources and emphasizes “mindfulness in college.”

UAS provides a three-credit tuition waiver for students who enroll in the one-credit “Navigating College” course, she said.

Having taken dual-enrollment courses through UAS while attending Sitka High School, Pepper said she was “already familiar with the university, in a sense,” when she took the course.

“But once I got thrown into, you know, full time college, it felt like a very scary shift,” she said. “It felt like, you know, being thrown off a cliff, almost, but that’s what Sitka Start is for.”

“A lot of us never even were aware of the resources that were available, unless they were, like, directly put into our curriculum for our classes,” Pepper said of the “Navigating College” course.

The new campus director, Dr. Jeremy Rupp, is a newcomer to Sitka and said that he’ll be learning about the university’s programs and meeting community members at the open house.

Rupp started working in his role as campus director last Tuesday. He was born in Soldotna, raised in East Africa and most recently lived in a Minnesota area, where he worked on community education programming for Duluth Public Schools and the Lake Superior School District.

Rupp said Monday that he sees his role as the Sitka campus director as “not bringing my ideas, but as a social collectivist, kind of acting as kind of a synthesizer and lightning rod for those other ideas” at UAS-Sitka.

“I am a high energy, emotional, excited, human,” Rupp said. “I’m bringing five of my kids here, ages 14 down to 5 ... Right now they’re 14, 12, 10, eight and five.

“I am just excited to be here and to be with and I feel like I’ve already just been ‘at it,’ because I feel like the people here are ‘at it,’” Rupp said.

Harvard ...

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The impasse raises questions about how far the administration is willing to go. However it plays out, a legal battle is likely. A faculty group has already brought a court challenge against the demands, and many in academia expect Harvard to bring its own lawsuit.

In its refusal letter, Harvard said the government’s demands violate the school’s First Amendment rights and other civil rights laws.

University poses first big obstacle in administration’s push for change

For the Trump administration, Harvard presents the first major hurdle in its attempt to force change at universities that Republicans say have become hotbeds of liberalism and antisemitism.

The conflict is straining the longstanding relationship between the federal government and universities that use federal money to fuel scientific breakthroughs. Long seen as a benefit to the greater good, that money has become an easy source of leverage for the Trump administration.

Federal money is an investment and not an entitlement, federal officials wrote in a letter to Harvard last week, accusing the school of failing to meet civil rights obligations that are a condition for federal aid. They argued that Harvard has allowed political ideology

to stifle intellectual creativity.

Trump’s campaign has targeted schools accused of tolerating antisemitism amid a wave of pro-Palestinian protests on U.S. campuses. Some of the government’s demands touch directly on that activism, calling on Harvard to impose tougher discipline on protesters and to screen international students for those who are “hostile to the American values.”

Other demands order Harvard to cease all diversity, equity and inclusion programs and to end admissions or hiring practices that consider “race, color, national origin, or proxies thereof.”

Many of the same White House officials who are relishing the political attacks on the elite institutions are products of such schools themselves. Trump is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, while Vice President JD Vance has a degree from Yale Law School.

At least two Cabinet members — Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy — earned degrees from Harvard. Hegseth scribbled “return to sender” on his Harvard diploma on live television as part of his crusade against so-called leftist causes at colleges and universities.

Harvard president says demands exceed the government’s authority.

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