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## Information Event Set By Safeguard Future

**ANNA LAFFREY**  
Sentinel Staff Writer

Safeguard Sitka's Future, a group that opposes the limits on cruise ship tourism that will be on the ballot in a special election May 28, will be interfacing with community members inside the Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal Saturday afternoon.

Advocates will take questions, run an Easter egg hunt, and join everyone present for the demonstration of the cruise terminal's new dome theater during the 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. event on Saturday, said Chris McGraw, chair of Safeguard Sitka's Future and an owner of the cruise terminal.

The public event comes as the group is fleshing out a campaign ahead of the May 28 election on a citizens initiative to limit cruise tourism Sitka.

The yes-or-no question on the ballot will be on adoption of an ordinance that, among other controls, sets aside at least one day a week for no cruise ships; imposes a cap of 4,500 passengers per day; and limits cruise visitors to 300,000 a year. Almost 600,000 passengers visited Sitka last year, and a memorandum of understanding between the city and the Sitka Dock Co. has set a ceiling of 7,000 passengers per day for this year's cruise season.

Small Town SOUL, a citizen group advocating limits on cruise ship tourism, collected almost 700 petition signatures on an initiative petition to place the issue on the ballot in a special election. The group registered with the state as political advocacy organization on March 21, and Safeguard Sitka's Future registered with

the state on April 4.

McGraw said in a phone call Thursday that since filing with the Alaska Public Offices Commission two weeks ago, Safeguard group members have been "organizing and gathering, getting yard signs and information printed up."

Their goal for the Saturday event is to "get as many of the public as we can to show up, to pass out information, and see if anyone's got any questions for us," McGraw said. "Our main message is to understand the information, understand the proposed ordinance, and be informed before you vote."

He said that if people "are not directly tied to the issue in one way or another, they might not feel like they need to show up" to vote in the election.

"We're trying to promote the message that it is important for anybody," McGraw said.

"We're also using the event as an opportunity to showcase the new dome theater at the cruise terminal," McGraw said.

The theater will be showing a film call "Orbital" that was produced by Cosm, the technology company that sells dome screens. The film highlights the features of the dome theater, and deals with space, earth and light," McGraw said.

McGraw said he also hopes to show a film that the Sitka Dock Company produced in conjunction with the Alaska Raptor Center for showing to visitors this summer.

"I just got the final version today, and I haven't had the chance to screen it yet," McGraw said.



### Whale Washing

The concrete whale slide at Crescent Park gets a pressure wash Wednesday afternoon. City public works crews have been busy sprucing up Sitka's public spaces in advance of the tourist season

which gets underway April 29 with the scheduled arrival of the cruise ships National Geographic Sea Lion and the Norwegian Joy. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

## Legislators Seek to Limit Paid Sick Leave Benefit

**By YERETH ROSEN**  
Alaska Beacon

Alaska's voter-approved mandate for paid sick leave has not yet gone into effect, but some lawmakers are already trying to reduce the number of workers who would benefit from it.

A bill pending in the Alaska Legislature, House Bill 161, would exempt businesses with fewer than 50 employees, a change from the 15-employee threshold in the labor-rights initiative that voters approved in November. The bill would also drop seasonal workers from the mandate for accrued paid sick leave. The bill was introduced on March 28 by Rep. Justin Ruffridge, R-Soldotna, with Rep. Julie Coulombe, R-Anchorage, as a co-sponsor. Both are members of the House minority. It has the support of a key majority member; House Majority Leader Chuck Kopp, R-Anchorage, signed on as a co-sponsor on April 14.

It addresses Ballot Measure 1, a three-part citizen initiative that will raise Alaska's minimum wage and pro-

tect workers against any employer-imposed political or religious meetings, as well as mandate paid sick leave, based on time accrued over work periods. Voters approved Ballot Measure 1 by a 58-42 percent margin. The new law is set to go into effect on July 1.

Ruffridge and Coulombe, during the bill's first hearing on Wednesday, described the proposed changes as modifications that fit within the state constitution's limits. While the constitution forbids sweeping changes within two years to any voter-passed initiatives, the bill "in no way seeks to repeal or change some of the key provisions of Ballot Measure 1," chiefly the minimum-wage hike that was probably the most popular element, Ruffridge told the House Labor and Commerce Committee.

Coulombe said the changes amounted to a "few tweaks" that are necessary to help small businesses.

"What will happen if we don't try to amend this a little bit, make the lan-

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## Ex-NYT Editorial Writer Apologizes to Sarah Palin

**By LARRY NEUMEISTER**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — An emotional former opinion page editor for The New York Times delivered a tearful apology Thursday to Sarah Palin as he testified about a 2017 editorial that she says damaged her reputation.

James Bennet testified that he "blew it" when he erroneously wrote that the former Alaska governor's political action committee had contributed to an atmosphere of violence before a member of Congress was severely wounded in a 2011 mass shooting in Arizona.

The Times has acknowledged the editorial was inaccurate but said it quickly corrected the "honest mistake."

Bennet got choked up and teary as he apologized to the onetime Republican vice presidential candidate, saying he was "really upset, and I still am, obviously." A lawyer brought him a box of tissues as he testified for a second day at the defamation trial.

"I did, and I do apologize to Governor Palin for this mistake," Bennet said.

Before a lunch break, Judge Jed S. Rakoff told lawyers that Bennet had offered a "heartfelt" and "moving" apology to Palin.

Palin, who is scheduled to testify next week, seemed less impressed. She shrugged off the apology as she left the courthouse, questioning how much time had passed since the editorial was published and then corrected in less

than a day.

"Let's see, how many years ago was the untruth?" she asked. She then declined further comment before getting in a car to head to the airport.

The testimony came as Bennet and the Times defend themselves at trial for a second time against Palin's lawsuit.

In February 2022, a jury found against Palin's libel claims, but the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan last year revived the case, citing errors made by Rakoff.

Palin sued the Times for unspecified damages in 2017, saying it damaged her reputation and career as a political commentator with the editorial about gun control published after U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise, a Louisiana Republican, was wounded when a man with a history of anti-GOP activity opened fire on a congressional baseball team practice in Washington.

In the editorial, the Times wrote that before the 2011 mass shooting in Arizona that severely wounded former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords and killed six others, Palin's political action committee had contributed to an atmosphere of violence by circulating a map of electoral districts that put Giffords and 19 other Democrats under stylized crosshairs.

In a correction, the Times said the editorial had "incorrectly stated that a link existed between political rhetoric and the 2011 shooting" and had "incorrectly described" the map.

**GARLAND KENNEDY**  
Sentinel Staff Writer

A celebration is set for Saturday in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Sitka Native Education Program teaching Indigenous culture, language, song and dance to the Native children in Sitka.

The event will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Harrigan Centennial Hall, with the work that's been done on display and students demonstrating what they've learned through the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

Since its founding in 1974, the cultural revitalization program has offered classes in traditional Lingít song, dance and language to Alaska Native kids from kindergarten through high school.

"We are celebrating 50 years of the SNEP program, and we're taking it as our opportunity to give back to the community, because there's no way that SNEP could have lasted this long without all the tireless volunteers, teachers, elders, all the people who have been perpetuating the program. There's no way we can be here as long as we have been without them," program manager Koodeik' Joseph Marks told the Sentinel.

The gathering will include students in various dance groups performing in what Marks called "a demonstration of koo.éex' knowledge."

"We're taking this as a celebration of the community, and we're also using the event itself as a way to showcase and demonstrate specific knowledge that students in our programs need and families expect of our students," he said. "So learning the specific songs, knowing when to sing them, why we sing them, all these different things are part of what in Lingít we call koo.éex'."

The program operates in coopera-



Yeidikook'áa, Isabella Brady, one of the founders of the Sitka Native Education Program, is pictured at home in 2010. (Sentinel file Photo)

tion between Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the Sitka School District, and receives federal funding through Title VI Indian Education grants.

Marks, who is Kaagwaantaan, said the integration of language, song and dance, core aspects of the program, will be shown Saturday.

"The primary goal is for the in-

structors to have a heavier focus on the language, but specifically language that involves singing and dancing. We can do singing and dancing instruction all in Lingít, and also tell the history of the songs in Lingít. What does it mean to perform these songs, and how do you present this information in Lingít? That's what we are trying to do at the

program and will be shown at the 50th," Marks said.

The theme of the event is "because we cherish you."

SSD cultural director Aanch Ganook Jule LeBlanc, who is L'uknax. adi, said the longevity of the program is a sign of the durability of Lingít culture.

"This isn't just remembering the past, but also a call to action of how much we need to continue this for the next 50 years, and that while the political climate is creating some stress and tension around a lot of different topics, that we are still here, and we've been here through many different political climates, and we're not going anywhere," LeBlanc said. "I think that is something that makes me feel less worried about having to navigate these times because we've been here for thousands of years. This is not new to our people; they have encountered stress, worldly stress, global stress time and time again, and we're still here. So I feel empowered and inspired by everyone who's in Sitka continuing that same message."

Saturday's celebration will commence with songs and dances before a welcome and meal, which will begin at 4 p.m. and is to be followed half an hour later by SNEP performances. There will be namings and adoptions, as well as a blanket ceremony to close out the gathering.

Participation in SNEP rose by about 125 percent over the past school year, with about 80 kids presently enrolled, LeBlanc said. Students are either citizens of Sitka Tribe of Alaska or have a Title VI Indian Education form on file with the school district.

Keet Tlaa Anne Johnson was one of the founding instructors of SNEP in

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## Millions of Peeps Roll Out for Traditional Easter

**By Jessica Haggard**  
Associated Press

Few Easter candies divide people quite like Peeps - 25% of Americans polled by Finance Buzz claim there's no treat they love more. But 16% say they'd rather eat anything but the colorful, sugar-coated marshmallowy Easter staple, then there's the Red Dye No. 3 controversy. Whether you're a fan or a critic, there's no denying that Peeps have become one of the most talked-about treats of the season.

Some love their sugary, marshmallowy goodness, but others can't stand their artificial flavor and gritty texture. With changing consumer preferences and health concerns, is it time to say goodbye to Peeps, or will they remain a holiday staple?

**A sticky sweet legacy: The rise of Peeps**

Peeps have been around for more than 70 years, solidifying their status as nostalgic Easter treats. First introduced by Just Born in 1953, the original Peeps took a painstaking 27 hours to make by hand. Today, thanks to technological advances, the process takes just six minutes, allowing the

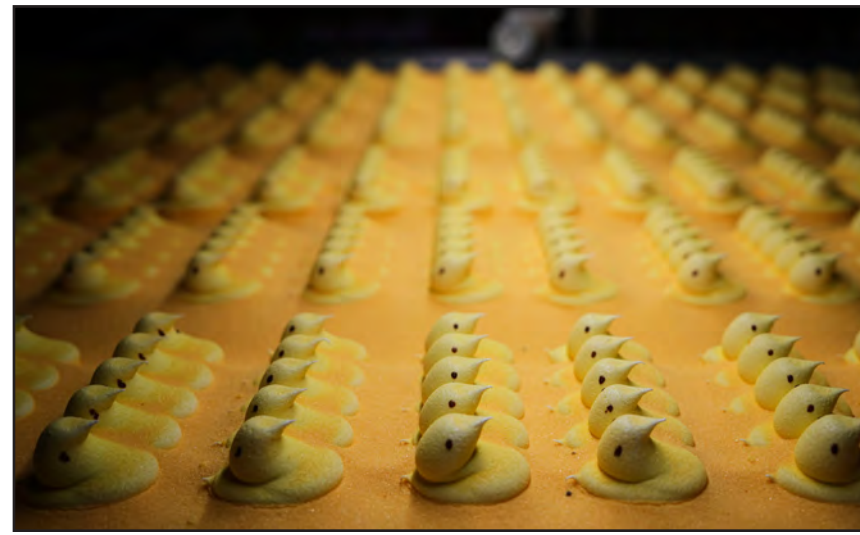
company to churn out 2 billion Peeps every year according to the same Finance Buzz article.

Over the decades, Peeps have evolved from basic yellow chicks to a rainbow of colors, shapes and seasonal flavors. Limited-edition varieties, like Peeps Hot Tamales, Dr Pepper and Cotton Candy, keep the brand fresh, even for those who don't love the traditional marshmallow flavor. Yahoo News said that Peeps launched three new flavors - cookies and cream, tropical punch and chocolate pudding - giving new Easter basket ideas for teens, kids and even adults.

**Fluffy fun or sugary nightmare?**

For many, Peeps are a nostalgic must-have. The chewy texture, sugary crunch and bright colors are reminiscent of childhood Easters filled with egg hunts and baskets brimming with candy. "I didn't give a peep about Peeps as a child, but now that I'm solidly middle aged, these sugar-coated, unnaturally colored marshmallow candies are an essential part of my holidays," says Jennifer Osborn of Kitchen Serf.

For some, Peeps aren't just for Eas-



Peeps marshmallow treats move through the manufacturing process at the Just Born factory in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

ter - they're a year-round tradition.

Osborn reports, "I celebrate every holiday with Peeps - not just Easter. There are Valentine's Peeps, Ghost Peeps for Halloween and Reindeer Peeps at Christmas, and the possibilities are

endless."

Beyond snacking, Peeps have become a playful ingredient and decoration. They float as festive cocktail garnishes, get dipped in chocolate and

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# Easter is Special



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Is Easter still special when the services are over and the eggs have all been found? Will it be special Monday morning? Jesus Christ dies again for each of us every day of the week. When we feel guilty, He is our Redeemer; He forgives us again and again. Sometimes our weaknesses remind us of just how human we are. It is then we can remember that He rises above our humanity; He gave His life on the Cross to save us from ourselves and our sins. Let His goodness and salvation flow from our hearts on Easter and on every day!

## Weekly Scripture Reading

Matthew 21.1-17	Matthew 21.18-26	Matthew 26.1-35	Matthew 26.36-75	Matthew 27.1-36	Matthew 27.27-56	Matthew 27.57-66
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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 Edgcombe 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  
Pastor Mimi Goodwin  
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.

### 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  
sitkaunitarianfellowship@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.

## Easter Egg Hunt At Pioneer Park

A community easter egg hunt will be 1 p.m. Easter Sunday at Pioneer Park. It is. open to children 12 years and younger.

It includes 2,000 eggs, 200 prizes, hot cocoa and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

The event is hosted by Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge and American Legion.

## STA Teachers, Elders, Students Honored

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will honor its elders, teachers, students, and community supporters who have brought the Sitka Native Education Program through 50 years at noon on Saturday, April 19, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

“Our students have been working hard to learn new things and are excited to show a demonstration of their knowledge with you all,” STA said.

## Tribal Citizen Sought to Serve

Sitka Tribe of Alaska is seeking a local Tribal citizen to serve on theHealth 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 at noon.

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

## Calendar of Events

### FRIDAY

5:30 p.m. Free Zumba, STA-sponsored, Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi  
5:30 p.m. NA Meeting, St. Peter's Church basement  
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln Street, hotline 907-747-8866

### SATURDAY

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Open Practice, Sitka Sportsman's Association indoor pistol range  
10 a.m. Sitka Little League Opening Ceremonies, Moller Park  
10 a.m.-2 p.m. ANS Spring Bazaar, ANB Founders Hall  
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Trap and Skeet, Sitka Sportsman's Association  
11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sitka Native Education Program 50th anniversary celebration, Harrigan Centennial Hall  
Noon Community Easter Egg Hunt, Keet Gooshi Heen playground  
Noon Sitka Tribe of Alaska honoring presentation for SNEP, Harrigan Centennial Hall  
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

1-4 p.m. Safeguard Sitka's Future family-friendly kickoff event and Easter egg hunt, Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal

5 p.m. Paleo Inspired workshop, St. Peter's See House, register at https://bit.ly/SitkaNutrition.

7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's Church basement, call 907-747-8866

### SUNDAY

Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information  
1 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt, Pioneer Park (Elks, Moose, Legion sponsors)  
4-9 p.m. Gift making workshop for Yaaw Koo.eex', ANB Founders Hall, email herringprotectors@gmail.com  
5-7 p.m. Ukulele lessons, Pioneers Home Chapel  
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 AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information  
4 p.m. Parade of the Species, line up at Totem Square, games follow at Crescent Harbor shelter, 907-623-2015

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  
7 p.m. Sitka Sportsman's Association board meeting



Donald R. Soukup

## Donald R. Soukup Services April 26

The family of Donald R. Soukup invites friends and community members to join them 1 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church for memorial services.

Following the service, a celebration of life will take place in the See House, behind the church.

Don passed away on Nov. 1, 2024. At that time his remains were committed in the altar columbarium of the church.

Zoom service coverage will be offered. Email stpetersbytheseak@gmail.com for Zoom connection information.

## Annual Potato Planting Event On

The public is invited to the annual Tlingit Potato Planting, a community event celebrating tradition, culture and springtime planting.

Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Sitka Ranger District, and Pacific High School will gather 1:15-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, at the U.S. Forest Service District Office, 2108 Halibut Point Road.

The event will start with a short oral history about the Tlingit potato – a resilient and culturally significant food – before planting this year's crop together.

It is free and open to the public.

For more information contact Tammy Young at 907 747-7167 or tammy.young@sitkatriben-sn.gov.

## Marine Cruise for MMIR Month Set

In observance of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Month, Sitka Tribe of Alaska invites the community to a free Allen Marine Wildlife Cruise 3:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, May 9.

The boat will depart from Crescent Harbor. Participants are asked to arrive early.

“This is a chance to come together, reflect, and connect with the community while surrounded by the beauty of our lands and waters,” STA said.

Space is limited. Register at https://forms.gle/4UzKwnH9bnKm7UTT7.

Those who are unable to attend the cruise, but would like to share the names of lost relatives to be read aloud on the boat during the remembrance, can use the registration form to do so.

For more information, contact Harper Glazer at 907 747-7152 or harper.glazer@sitkatriben-sn.gov.

## Family Kayaani Walks Planned

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will host family spring Kayaani walks April 26, May 3 and 17 to explore plant identification and respectful harvesting practices.

The event is open to families with children ages 7 and older, and younger kids who can be carried are welcome, the group said.

Registration is required. The walk location will be given at sign up.

For information or to register, contact Anna at 907 966-9662, or sign up: https://forms.gle/wsrVH2bxgJrivz3f9

## Easter Services At Salvation Army

The Salvation Army has announced its Easter events.

—Easter Sunday, April 20: early morning service, 9 a.m.; Easter breakfast, 9:45 a.m.; Easter worship service, 11 a.m.; and candy hunt for the children, 12:30 p.m.

## 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:

—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.

## Holy Week, Easter At Episcopal Church

Holy Week and Easter services at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church have been scheduled at 611 Lincoln Street.

—April 19, Holy Saturday at 9 a.m., on Zoom only

—April 20, Easter Vigil service at 6 a.m., on Zoom only

—April 20, Principal Easter service at 9 a.m., in person and on Zoom.

For information, contact the church at stpetersbytheseak@gmail.com or 907 747-3977 and leave a message for a call back. The church is open every day to stop in for a time of quiet, prayer and rest.

## Easter Services at Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church invites the public to gather and observe Holy Week.

“It is the most sacred period of our Christian faith, the church said. “It is a time when we gather together as a faith community to walk with Jesus during the hardest part of his journey starting with Palm/Passion Sunday, Good Friday and then Resurrection Sunday. Come and join us for all of it, if you can, remembering that without the Holy Week, Easter loses its deep meaning.”

Scheduled services include:

—Good Friday service, April 18, 5:30 p.m.

—Easter service, April 20, 10 a.m.

## Woman's Club Offers Grants

Sitka Woman's Club this year has a budget of \$2,500 to share with other nonprofit organizations.

“If your organization can use some financial aid and would like to request a donation, please reach out and let us know,” the organization said.

Email sitkawomansclub@gmail.com for an application, or talk to an officer or member. Application will be online on the group's facebook page: Sitka Woman's Club.

“Please keep your dollar request to a reasonable amount to allow us to share our limited resources throughout the community,” SWC said.

Applications must be received or postmarked by April 21. Applications can be sent by email or mailed to Sitka Woman's Club, 300 Harbor Drive #11, Sitka, AK 99835.

For more information contact Kim at 907 752-6369.

## 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.

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## ANS Spring Bazaar Set for Saturday

The annual Alaska Native Sisterhood Spring Bazaar will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 19. Setup will be at 9 a.m. at the ANB Founders Hall.

Tables are \$30 and junior tables are \$25. Chef Brian Weddel will serve cheese ham and broccoli chowder with smoked turkey sandwiches.

Marie Young and the Russian Orthodox Church ladies will sell Easter bread.

"There is a lot going on that day, so come visit us first!" ANS said.

For more information, call Debe Brincefield at 907 738-4323.

## Police Blotter

Sitka Police Department received the following calls as of 8 a.m. today.

### April 17

At 9:33 a.m. a man was reported making workers at a food truck uneasy. Police responded, and the man agreed to leave.

A man told police he had been scammed by someone telling him a family member was in trouble and he needed to pay money, which he did. Officers were advised.

An inmate who had come to Sitka from Lemon Creek Correctional Center in Juneau was accused of exposing himself repeatedly while talking to his attorney in the Sitka jail. He was to be

given psych treatment.

At 1:13 p.m. a dog was reported running at large at Lincoln and Lake streets. The animal control officer was called.

A man who had been at the food truck at 9:33 a.m. was reported back in the area at 1:19 p.m. Police were unable to locate him.

A protective order was requested at 7:26 p.m., and was served today.

### April 18

At 12:42 a.m. a teen driver was reported to have left the parking lot in the 700 block of HPR, did a 360-degree burnout at HPR and Katlian Street, then sped down Katlian at an estimated 40 mph or so. Police were unable to locate him.

## Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department received six ambulance calls Thursday, and one fire call at 3:52 p.m. to the 2000 block of HPR, where a house was being burned in a controlled burn.

## Medicare in Alaska Topic of Program

Those approaching age 65 having questions about Medicare, or who are currently enrolled but still needing more information, are invited to a program 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, April 30, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

SEARHC Patient Health Benefits Manager Susan Briles will give a presentation and answer questions.

The free program is open to the public.

## 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 premiertrainigak@gmail.com.

## BHV Announces Online Auction

Brave Heart Volunteers Alaska Getaways online auction will run April 22-27. Individuals can bid on wildlife tours, retreats, a cruise and other items.

It's completely online, and every bid ensures BHV can continue providing free-of-charge end-of-life care, grief support, and companionship to Sitkans in need.

Find the link at Braveheartvolunteers.org.

## STA Earth Day Cleanup April 22

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will host an Earth Day cleanup on Tuesday, April 22.

"In celebration of Earth Day, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska staff will be heading outdoors to give back to the land we love," STA said.

Teams will be on Indian River Road and in the surrounding neighborhoods picking up trash and doing their part.

"If you see us out there, feel free to give a wave or a word of encouragement," STA said.

## Beginner Ukulele Lessons Offered

Sitka Ukulele 100 free beginner instruction will be offered 5-7 p.m. April 20, 27, May 11 and 18 at the Sitka Pioneers Home Chapel.

Participants should take their own ukuleles.

## Easter Egg Hunt Set for April 19

The annual community Easter egg hunt is planned noon April 19 at Keet Gooshi Heen elementary school playground. The free event includes 10,000 eggs, face painting, hot chocolate, hot dogs, and other activities.

It is sponsored by Assembly of God Church.

## Community Orchestra Concert Staged April 25

The City and Borough of Sitka Parks and Recreation division welcomes the public to the Sitka Community Orchestra Concert 7 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Sitka Performing Arts Center.

The orchestra is conducted by Drew Larson. Sitkans of all ages will play the music they have been rehearsing since January.

Entry is free; doors open at 6:30 p.m. For information, contact City of Sitka Parks and Recreation at recreation@cityofsitka.org or 907 747-4031.

## Sitka Tells Tales About Place

Sitka Tells Tales, the local live storytelling series, presents "About Place: Stories of Seeing and Celebrating the Tongass." The Earth Day event will be 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at Harbor Mountain Brewery Co.

Hosted by Arthange. Inc, Skipper Science and Sitka Conservation Society, with a line up of storytellers including Dan Evans, Jacquie Foss, Naomi Jones, Mitch Feske and SelenaZhao. About Place will air on Raven Radio on May 20. For information or to find out how to be a teller in future events call (907) 738-2174.

## Saturday Vigil For Democracy

Community members are invited to participate in a vigil Saturday, noon to 1, at the roundabout.

Organized by Sitka Voices for Peace and Democracy, the weekly vigil is held to protest actions by the Trump administration that threaten democracy, and advocate for a government that puts people and democracy first.

"Just showing up and being there is important and makes us stronger," organizers said.

## 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.

## 'Library of Things' Collection Noted

The Library of Things is available to browse and borrow at Sitka Public Library. The collection includes a variety of tools, toys, equipment and other items. For information, contact Margot at 907 747-4020 or email margot.oconell@cityofsitka.org.

## Parade of Species Slated April 21; All are Invited

Community members of all ages are invited to walk in the Parade of the Species 4 p.m. Monday, April 21, to celebrate Earth Month.

The parade lines up at 3:30 p.m. at Totem Square. It will end at the Crescent Harbor shelter where face painting and games will be offered.

Participants can dress as their favorite animal, or attend to spectate.

"If you make your animal costume out of recycled materials, it could be displayed at the Backdoor Café after the event," organizers said.

Sitka Sound Science Center and Sitka Conservation Society's 4H Alaska Way of Life are organizing the event. Email kolby@sitkawild.org or call Karl (907) 623 2015 with questions.

## School Board Sets Budget Hearing

The Sitka School Board will hold a work session and community hearing on the 2025-2026 budget 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Sitka High School Library.

Superintendent Deidre Jenson will present the board with a draft budget for the 2025-2026 school year. The meeting is open to the public.

## SFAC Postpones Weekend Play

Sitka Fine Arts Camp's Young Performers Theater has postponed its play presentation of "Failure: A Love Story." It will now be staged 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 27 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 parakeets, 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.

## JESSIE'S UPTOWN DOGS

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# SENTINEL SPORTS

## NBA Playoffs Likely to be a Wide Open Race

**By MARK ANDERSON**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Lakers often attract large betting interest anyway, but the controversial midseason trade that landed Luka Doncic from Dallas has people emptying their bank accounts to put money on Los Angeles.  
And the money, mostly fueled by casual bettors, is still coming.  
BetMGM trading manager Halvor Egeland said 99% of the bets on the Lakers' opening-round NBA playoffs series against Minnesota is on LA. That series opens Saturday in Los Angeles.  
"It's pretty much all Lakers money coming in so far in the series," Egeland said. "I think they opened up -160 (favorites), and we've taken some bigger bets on it. There's excitement around the Lakers for sure, but it's surprising how much we've taken on the Lakers."  
LeBron James and the Lakers now are -200 favorites at BetMGM to beat the Timberwolves.  
Caesars Sportsbook also has been hit hard with bets on the Lakers, who are drawing strong money to win the Western Conference and NBA Finals.  
"It's been kind of a running theme for a few months now," Caesars pro basketball lead trader David Lieberman said.  
They went from about 40-1 at Caesars to win the championship before the Doncic trade to now 10-1.  
The other LA team  
The Lakers remain Southern California's glamour team, but the Clippers might be playing at a higher level. Bettors certainly are coming around on them.  
The Clippers went from underdogs to favorites at BetMGM and Caesars in their first-round series against Denver even though the Nuggets have home-court advantage.



Lakers' Luka Doncic (77) and LeBron James, center, right, hug and celebrate late in a game against Dallas in Dallas, April 9, 2025. (AP Photo/LM Otero)

vantage.  
"I really think the Clippers could come out of the West," CBS SportsLine handicapper Bruce Marshall said. "Nobody's talking about them. ... but I think they could win everything. I really do. It's a great veteran mix. They're not too old. They've got guys who've been around and won titles."  
The oft-injured Kawhi Leonard finally looks like the player who won championships in San Antonio and Toronto.  
"Personally, it does come to Kawhi's health," Egeland said. "Right now, he's been great, but history repeats itself frequently — Kawhi Leonard gets hurt and James Harden no-shows in some games in the playoffs. There does seem to be a belief in (Leonard), but we'll see what happens."  
Celtics still the champs  
Boston might be headed into the playoffs as the second seed in the Eastern Conference behind Cleveland, but the Celtics are favored at both sportsbooks to make the NBA Finals.  
The Celtics are trying to become the NBA's first repeat champion since 2018 when Golden State won its third title in four years.  
They are +200 at BetMGM win the title, just behind Oklahoma City at +185. The numbers are similar at Caesars — +200 for the Celtics to +170 for the Thunder.  
"Boston was playing pretty well down the stretch," Marshall said. "They'd probably be favored over (East top seed) Cleveland even though they wouldn't have home court."  
There will be plenty of focus on Jaylen Brown. The MVP of last year's NBA Finals has received knee injections and hasn't played much over the past month.  
"On paper, I think the Celtics have a pretty big edge (in the East) if they're healthy," Lieberman said. "But I feel like they probably won't be entirely healthy."  
Watch the Warriors  
A Golden State championship would be bad news for the sportsbooks after all the money that has come in on the Warriors since they acquired Jimmy Butler. He helped spark a late-season run before the Warriors lost three of their final five regular-season games.  
That forced the Warriors into the Play-In Tournament, and they defeated Memphis 121-116 on Tuesday night to secure the seventh seed.  
"I am a little bit skeptical they can make a run all the way through the West," Lieberman said. "A lot of their players are pretty old and it's hard to see them surviving the gauntlet. On talent alone, you have (Steph) Curry and Butler playing at a high level and the experience they have going up against younger teams in Houston and OKC (Oklahoma City). I won't count them out."  
Are the Thunder ready?  
Top-seeded Oklahoma City is almost being overlooked by the bettors, but much of that has to do with the price point rather than the team youth and inexperience playing in the playoffs.  
The Thunder, led by MVP favorite Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, are heavy favorites to at least make the NBA Finals. Many gamblers are finding greater value with other teams in what is a deep Western Conference.  
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## Arozarena, Mariners Rally past Reds 11-7

**By JEFF WALLNER**  
**Associated Press**  
CINCINNATI (AP) — Randy Arozarena hit a game-tying home run in the ninth inning then added a two-run double during a four-run 10th and the Seattle Mariners rallied past the Cincinnati Reds 11-7 on Thursday.  
In the 10th, designated runner Dylan Moore advanced to third on a fielding error by pitcher Graham Ashcraft then scored on J.P. Crawford's infield single to put Seattle ahead 8-7.  
Jake Fraley's grand slam off Eduardo Bazarro put the Reds ahead 7-5 in the eighth. It was his second career grand slam, first since June 5, 2021, against the Los Angeles Angels while a member of the Mariners.  
Austin Hays' two-run homer off Emerson Hancock in the first put the Reds ahead 2-0. It was his second

homer since coming off the injured list to make his Reds debut on Tuesday.  
Luke Raley tied the score 2-2 with a two-run homer off Brady Singer in the fourth. Singer allowed four runs, two earned, in 4 1/3 innings.  
The Mariners' scheduled starter, right-hander Bryan Woo, was pushed back to today. Hancock was recalled from Triple-A Tacoma to start Thursday.  
After Fraley's grand slam put Cincinnati ahead in the eighth, Cal Raleigh and Arozarena began the ninth with back-to-back homers to tie the score 7-7.  
De La Cruz committed his fifth and sixth errors of the season.  
Mariners: Bryan Woo (2-0, 2.84 ERA) will start today at Toronto.  
Reds: Andrew Abbott (1-0, 1.80) will start today at Baltimore.



Mariners' Randy Arozarena, front right, hits a double, scoring Miles Mastrobuoni and Julio Rodríguez in the 10th, Thursday in Cincinnati. (AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

## Seahawks Look to Fix Offensive Line in Draft

**By ANNE M. PETERSON**  
**AP Sports Writer**  
Despite an extreme offseason makeover, the Seattle Seahawks are still lacking on the offensive line.  
With the No. 18 pick in the opening round of the NFL draft, along with a pair of second-round selections, the Seahawks should have some solid options to fill their needs. They have five total picks in the top 92 and 10 picks overall.  
Then-quarterback Geno Smith was sacked 50 times last season, third most in the league, exposing Seattle's issues in pass protection. Smith has since moved on to Las Vegas, where he's been reunited with former Seattle coach Pete Carroll.  
Seattle in turn brought in quarterback Sam Darnold, after he revived his career last season playing for the Minnesota Vikings.  
So far the Seahawks' only offseason addition on the offensive line was veteran Josh Jones, who signed a one-year deal after playing for the Ravens last season. The Seahawks let go of left guard Laken Tomlinson

after one year.  
Charles Cross is well-established at left tackle and at right guard, Sataoa Laumea played himself into a starting role last season as a rookie. At center, Olu Oluwatimi was pressed into duty after Connor Williams' midseason retirement after a knee injury.  
Overall, however, the Seahawks could look markedly different next season under new offensive coordinator Klint Kubiak, who brought in offensive line coach John Benton. Both held the same roles with New Orleans last season.  
Among the top linemen available are Texas' Kelvin Banks and Tyler Booker of Alabama, and Grey Zabel out of North Dakota State. Booker allowed just three sacks in three seasons with the Crimson Tide.  
Some other possibilities include Georgia guards Tate Ratledge and Dylan Fairchild and center Jared Wilson. Fairchild and Wilson both had pre-draft visits with Seattle.  
Wilson is likely to be the top center taken in the draft, especially after

clocking a 4.84-second 40-yard dash at the NFL combine.  
General manager John Schneider, speaking to reporters at the NFL annual meetings last month, didn't rule out using some of those five early picks to trade up in the draft.  
"Initially, you're like, 'Yeah, we're going to take five really good players,'" Schneider said. "But then you get in a situation where it's like, 'All right, that guy's a starter, we should probably move to go get him,' if you can. It depends on how other people see these guys. But yeah, it allows us the ability to just be more free throughout our draft process."  
Full QB room?  
The Seahawks won't necessarily need to add a QB to provide relief of Darnold after reportedly bringing back Drew Lock, who was with the team in 2022-23 after coming from Denver in the Russell Wilson trade. Lock was a free agent after spending last season with the Giants.  
He joins Darnold, Sam Howell and Jaren Hall on Seattle's QB roster, which decreased the possibility that

the Seahawks would look to the draft at the position.  
Other moves  
The Seahawks traded receiver DK Metcalf, a fixture on the team for six seasons, to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Receiver Tyler Lockett is also gone after 10 years in Seattle. The Seahawks signed former Los Angeles Rams receiver Cooper Kupp to a three-year deal.  
The Seahawks also added four-time Pro Bowl defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence.  
Anything else?  
While the Seahawks have Kupp, Jaxon Smith-Njigba and another offseason signee, Marquez Valdes-Scantling, at receiver, the team could look to add depth there.  
One option might be Washington State's Kyle Williams, who had 70 receptions for 1,198 yards and 14 touchdowns as a fifth-year senior. Seattle was among his planned pre-draft visits.  
Other prospects include Tetairoa McMillan out of Arizona and Elic Ayomanor from Stanford.

## Pistons Take Losing Streak into Playoffs

**By BRIAN MAHONEY**  
**AP Basketball Writer**  
NEW YORK (AP) — New York beating Detroit had become something of an NBA certainty, with the Knicks doing it 16 straight times over a span of five years.  
The Pistons finally ended that streak with three wins over the Knicks during their massive 2024-25 turnaround season. Now they want to stop another lengthy stretch of futility: the longest postseason skid in NBA history.  
Back in the playoffs for the first time since 2019, the No. 6-seeded Pistons bring their 14-game postseason losing streak to Madison Square Garden on Saturday to face the third-seeded Knicks in Game 1 of their first-round series.  
The Knicks know as well as anyone that the Pistons are nothing like the pushovers who went 14-68 last season and set another NBA single-season record by losing 28 straight games at one point. New York hadn't lost to Detroit since Nov. 6, 2019, before the Pistons took the final three meetings this season.  
"They've had a fantastic season. We just played them recently so I think we have a feel for what their strengths are,

but we have to dig a lot deeper into them to know them really well," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said.  
"We have a respect for them, but we understand it's going to take 48 minutes of good basketball to win."  
The Pistons have an All-Star in point guard Cade Cunningham, a potent outsider shooter in Malik Beasley and a number of other strengths. They don't have postseason experience together, an advantage for a Knicks team that has reached the Eastern Conference semifinals the last two years.  
"It's a completely different basketball game. Until you're in it, it's hard to understand it," Pistons coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "We've been through this before. I say this to our coaches, at some point in time, we were all kids and didn't listen to our parents, and we didn't figure it out until we experienced it on our own. That's what the playoffs are like. We can tell guys what to expect, but until they experience it themselves, you don't understand just how different it is."  
Hiring Bickerstaff was one of the changes the Pistons made after last season, along with bringing in veteran players such as Beasley, Tobias Harris and former

Knicks guard Tim Hardaway Jr. The result was a 44-38 mark this season, a 30-win improvement that was sixth-best in NBA history.  
"I think they've done a hell of a job in bringing in vets and bringing that team with young guys and a lot of older guys to help them learn how to win," Knicks guard Mikal Bridges said. "I think they've done a really good job."  
Detroit's last victory in the playoffs was against Boston in Game 4 of the 2008 Eastern Conference finals. The Celtics won the last two games of that series before the Pistons were swept in 2009, 2016 and 2019.  
The 14 straight losses broke the record held by the Knicks, who dropped 13 straight postseason games from 2001 to 2012.

The teams have such little postseason history that the Knicks have never defeated the Pistons in a seven-game series. Both their victories, in 1984 and 1992, were first-round series that were best-of-five, a format that no longer exists. Detroit won 4-1 in the 1990 East semis, the only other meeting.  
Jalen Brunson will try to pick up where he left off in the 2024 postseason, when he averaged 32.4 points. The All-Star point guard became the first player since Michael Jordan to have four straight 40-point games in the playoffs.  
Beasley's 319 3-pointers were one behind Anthony Edwards for most in the NBA this season, and the eighth-most all-time. He barely missed this season at Madison Square Garden, going 13 for 18 behind the arc in the Pistons' two victories.

### SPORTS CALENDAR

BASEBALL at Moller Field

TODAY

4 p.m. Varsity Sitka v. Ketchikan  
7 p.m. Sitka v. Ketchikan



Sitka High's Caleb Calhoun pitches against Ketchikan Thursday on Moller Field. Sitka routed Kayhi 10-0. The teams play again today at 4 and 7 p.m. on Moller Field. (Sentinel photo by James Poulson)

## Wolves Rout Kayhi Kings 10-0

**By Sentinel Staff**  
Sitka High led off the regular baseball season with a 10-0 rout of the Ketchikan Kings, Thursday evening on the turf at Moller Field. Led by Caleb

Calhoun on the pitcher's mound, the Wolves shut down Kayhi's offense and clinched a lopsided win.  
The teams play again today at 4 and 7 p.m., also at upper Moller.

## Rec. Volleyballers Keet At It

**By Sentinel Staff**  
In the recreational division City League volleyball tournament Thursday evening, the SEARHC Slammers progressed in the bracket with a 2-1 win over the Wildflower Cookie Monsters.

In the consolation bracket, the Digity Dogs stayed in the competition following a 2-0 victory over the CBS City Boys.  
Games will continue next week at the Blatchley gym.

## Magic Coach Reacts to Shooting

(AP) - Jamahl Mosley had things to say after the Orlando Magic finished practice on Thursday. They were not about basketball.  
Upon hearing the news of Thursday's shooting at Florida State University, with investigators saying two people were killed and six others injured, Mosley's mind immediately shifted away from playoff preparations.  
To him, thoughts of the upcoming NBA playoff series between the Magic and

the defending champion Boston Celtics — Game 1 is Sunday — could wait.  
"This is the opportunity right now to talk about putting things in perspective," Mosley said, unprompted at the start of his media availability and not taking any questions until he got the words out. "What's going on at Florida State ... I just want to send thoughts, prayers that things are handled speedily and that we can just continue to pray for those that have been impacted by this."

### 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.

### Medvejeje 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 Medvejeje Hatchery and back. The half marathon turn-around is at the Green Lake Power House, 10K near the Medvejeje 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/MedvejejeSolsticeRun> (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 [runsitkahigh@gmail.com](mailto:runsitkahigh@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](mailto: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](mailto: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: My husband and I finally got custody of his daughter "Amelia" 15 days before her 16th birthday. She came to us with home-schooling and little socialization. Now she's 18, and we've gotten her on track to graduate, but she has completely changed. She plans to move in with her boyfriend and is skipping school.

My husband feels we can't get on her case about it, since we've had her for only two years. We've had three boys who have graduated, and two girls who haven't yet. We made the boys (his stepsons) go to school every day and live at home until they graduated. We will do the same with our younger girls.

Abby, why is he scared for me to tell Amelia that she can't move out until after graduation, especially not with her boyfriend, or get on her about missing school all the time? -- STERN STEPMOM IN KANSAS

DEAR STEPMOM: Your husband may fear that Amelia is too headstrong to be reasoned with and worry that if he asserts himself, his daughter will become estranged.

You described yourself as "Stern Stepmom." If the way you demonstrate that is by insisting your husband's children graduate with a basic education, I don't consider it heavy-handed. However, if there is more to it, Amelia may be moving out to get away from you.

Perhaps a different approach might be more effective. Amelia is old enough to be talked with "woman to woman." If you can impress upon her that you and her father care only about her welfare, that the decisions she is

making now will affect her entire future, perhaps she will be more open to hearing your message. The fact that she's moving out is less important than failing to complete her education and get that high school diploma. Let that be your focus when you and her dad speak to her.

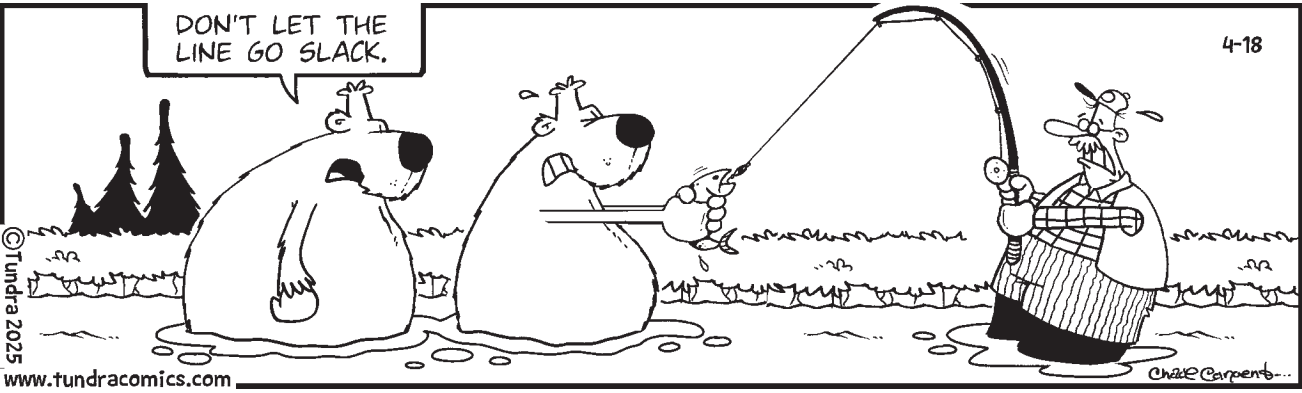
DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker who loves to bake. She's actually wonderful at it and brings a baked item for our birthdays. We have a small office of six.

Unfortunately, she has quite a few plug-in air fresheners in her kitchen, so every item she brings in to share is saturated with perfume. No one wants to say anything because she is EXTREMELY sensitive and would be crushed. Is there a way to put it gently? -- TASTING IT IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TASTING: If the oil from her air fresheners is transferring to the treats your co-worker brings, someone needs to discreetly take her aside and speak up. A way to phrase it would be:

"You are always so generous in bringing birthday goodies for everyone, and we really appreciate it. But the last time we tried your fabulous chocolate cake we noticed the scent of Jungle Gardenia (or Alpine Pine, etc.). Do you think it might have come from your plug-in air freshener? It would be a shame if the fragrances affected the quality of your wonderful baked goods. Unplugging the air freshener during the baking and cooling would probably do the trick."

## TUNDRA



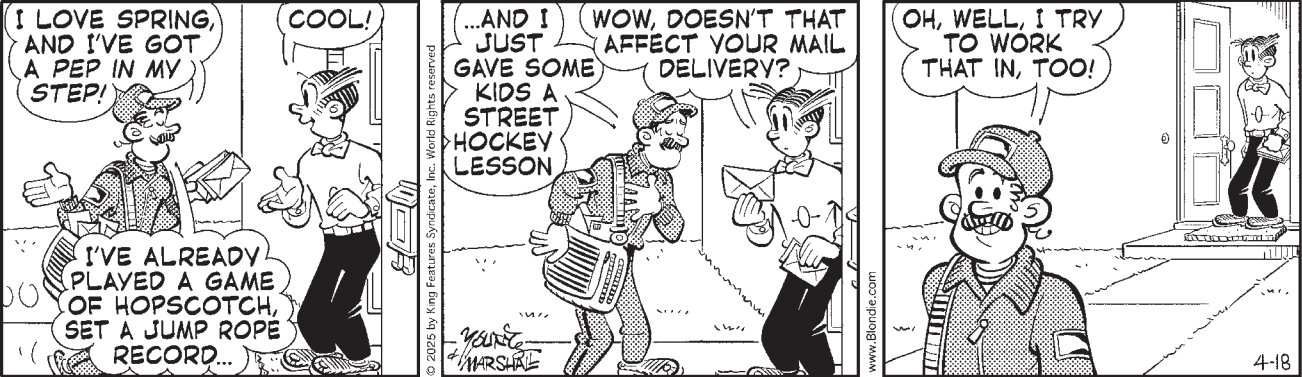
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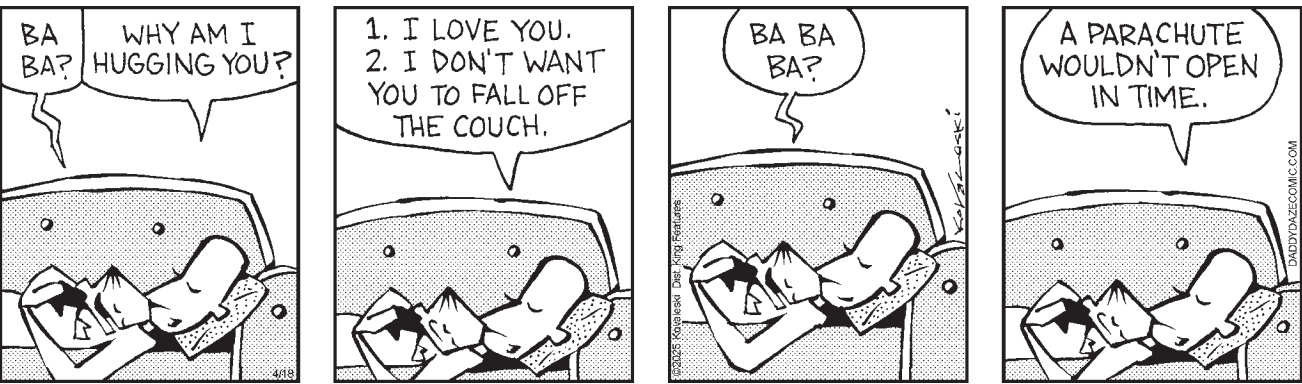
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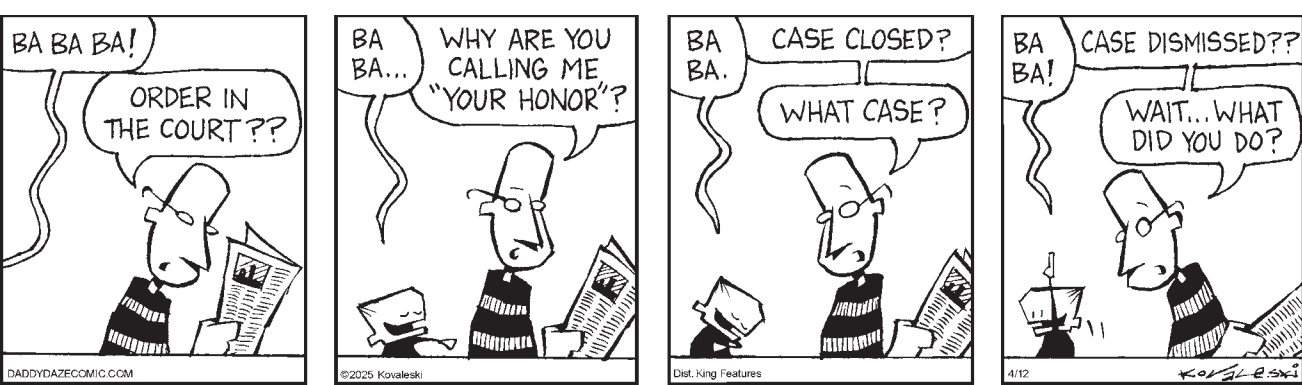
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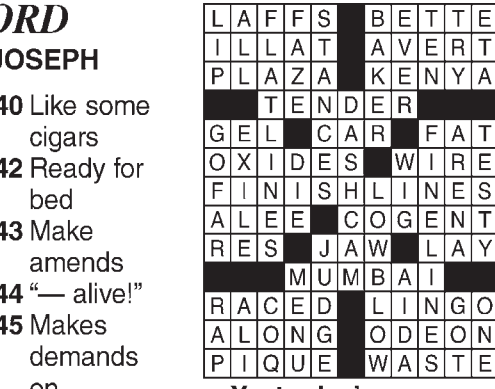
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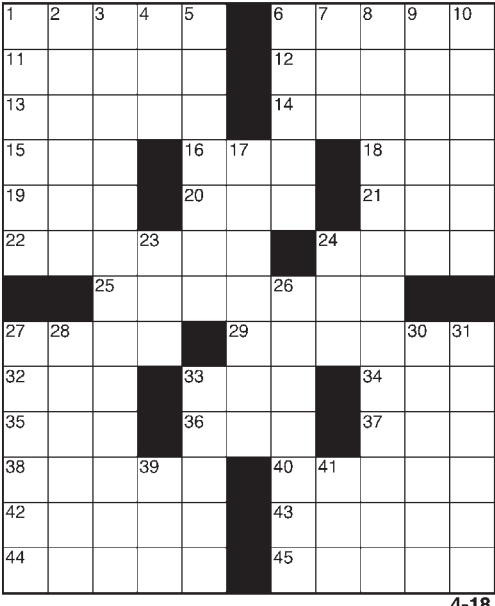
## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer



## Sitka by the Stars

For Friday, April 18, 2025

It's all systems go, as much of the energy that we've been missing arrives, giving us a big burst of confidence, passion and motivation. The early morning hours will be optimal for productivity and physical activity, as well as making decisions that call on us to be true to ourselves. As we head into the second half of the day, our drive may begin to wane as the cosmic weather shifts. We'll need to find a balance between following our heads and following our hearts for the best results.

**ARIES**  
(March 21 to April 19)  
It may have felt like you've been running in place, but now you've got the green light! Just don't be too impulsive.

**TAURUS**  
(April 20 to May 20)  
Your home or family life may require added attention. If there's an issue you've been avoiding in this area, you're pushed to deal with it now.

**GEMINI**  
(May 21 to June 20)  
You may be flooded with ideas, info, offers and invitations, which is exciting. But before you say "yes" to anything, make sure it's the right fit for you.

**CANCER**  
(June 21 to July 22)  
Your focus is pulled toward your money and finances. If there are financial decisions to make, be mindful of following financial advice that doesn't fit your budget or needs.

**LEO**  
(July 23 to Aug. 22)  
It might feel like you're waking up from hibernation. Expect your energy to rise and can-do attitude to return. However, don't burn yourself out.

**VIRGO**  
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)  
You may not have the drive or motivation that you usually have. Fear not, because everyone needs a timeout from

time to time, including you.

**LIBRA**  
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

If there are people you need to connect with, the morning is the best time to do it. Come later, you may be in more of a reclusive mood.

**SCORPIO**  
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)  
You're a SCORPIO who is on a mission. However, the objective may be unclear. A plan is needed.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You may be feeling the urge to travel or expand on what you know. Broaden your horizons, but don't go broke doing it.

**CAPRICORN**  
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

The safest or most pragmatic option may not be the best option for you.

**AQUARIUS**  
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You may not have much patience for others now. You may need to carefully pick your battles to avoid drama.

**PISCES**  
(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Expect your schedule to get busier. To avoid getting overwhelmed, consider delegating projects or allowing yourself extra time to finish them.

FOR TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

You're a real go-getter. You grab life by the horns, and you don't let go until you get what you want. While you're extremely self-reliant, you may need more practice in asking for help or cooperating with others. Still, it's your enterprising spirit that enables you to accomplish your goals, beat the odds, and leave the competition in the dust. This year, expect to find yourself focused on your aspirations. Whether you're starting out or starting over, marrying your passion to your purpose will get you where you want to be.

# 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.

**4-18 CRYPTOQUOTE**  
XHH VQ HGUA, G XHOXQR  
OXTMAC MF WA RFVAWFCQ.  
TFO G RAA MNXM G RNFEHC  
NXBA WAAT VFDA RZAYGUGY.

— IXTA OXSTAD  
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I AM A CHILD OF THE SUN, AND I AM NOT AFRAID OF THE DARKNESS.  
— COUNTEE CULLEN

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Subject: POTPOURRI  
(e.g., What strait separates Europe from Africa? Answer: Strait of Gibraltar.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. What is meant by the nautical term "weigh anchor"?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

2. In the nursery rhyme, what happens "when the wind blows"?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Pont Neuf is a bridge across what river?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. What is jai alai?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Who disappeared in 1937 along with Fred Noonan?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What four-letter word means to protrude the lips in an expression of displeasure?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

PH.D. LEVEL

7. What is the long form of "HTML"?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is the surname of Shakespeare's character Juliet?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

9. His painting of melting clocks is named "The Persistence of Memory."  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS: 1. To raise the anchor. 2. The cradle will rock. 3. Seine. 4. A sport (played on a court). 5. Amelia Earhart. 6. Pound. 7. Hyperbent Markup Language. 8. Capulet. 9. Salvador Dali.

ANSWER TO  
YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	5	1	4	3	2	7	9	6
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Difficulty: ★★★ 4/17

King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★★★★ 4/18

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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.



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The units being auctioned are held on account for Samuel Kane, 3408 Halibut Point Rd.; Serge Eonne, 706 Monastery st apt 8; Jeannie Emanoff, 405 DeArmond Street Apt D; Christopher Brown, PO Box 712, of Sitka. Sarah Kunaknana-Ahyakak, 330 W. 76th Ave. B of Anchorage, Ramon Hernandez, PO Box 34592 of Juneau. Call 747-8595 or stop by the office at 310 Jarvis (11-5, M-F) for questions.  
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Big Rig Event Set for April 26

3 to 5 Preschool's Big Rig spring fundraiser will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 26 at the Mt. Edgcombe High School parking lot – rain or shine.  
The community event is for all ages. Admission is \$5 a person or \$20 for a family of four or more. Attendees may pay by cash, check or credit card.  
Big Rig T-shirts for children (youth XS and SM) and adults will be available in fluorescent lime and orange and, new this year, hot pink. They will be sold at the admission table for \$15 and \$20, or may be purchased ahead of time at the preschool. Call 747-6898 for details on how to purchase.  
Food from Uptown Dogs and Shrimp Etouffee n Gumbo will be available, along with treats by The Donut Lady and Sitka Swirls.  
"We continue to look for all kinds of vehicles to add to our event," the preschool said. "We are also looking for operators who could possibly show their rigs in action for a short time."  
Contact Marcia Hirai at [marciahirai@gmail.com](mailto:marciahirai@gmail.com) or 360-481-1505 to help in some way.  
Those attending may sign up for a raffle. At the end of the event the winner can invite four others for a ride on the Sitka fire department's ladder truck. (Winner need not be present to win.)  
Sponsors and donors for the event are Arrowhead Transfer, Emblem Club 142, Hard Rock Construction, Market Center, Pacific Services, Prewitt Enterprises, Secon-SE Alaska, Sea Mart, Sitka Swirls, and Tongass FCU.  
To be a donor for the event, call Lisa at 907 747-6898.  
The money helps with operations of the school, including its scholarship fund.

**Sitka History Class Offered April 26**  
Sitka Maritime Heritage Society will offer a class on Sitka's history for tour guides and other interested members of the public 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.  
The class, taught by Rebecca Poulson, will give an overview of Sitka's history with a focus on the late 1700s to the late 1800s and will include slides and artifacts.  
Also it will include a handout of milestone events in Sitka's history.  
The cost of the class is \$40 and tickets can be purchased online at [sitkamaritime.org](http://sitkamaritime.org), at Old Harbor Books, or at the door if space is available.  
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For individuals looking to re-home pets in non-emergency circumstances, please reach out to Friends of the Sitka Animal Shelter directly at [sitkaanimalfriends@gmail.com](mailto:sitkaanimalfriends@gmail.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/sitkaanimalfriends> for assistance.



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Sitka Rose Awards Event April 25

Sitkans Against Family Violence will hold its second Sitka Rose Awards 7 p.m. Friday, April 25, at the Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi.  
To be honored are youth winners (age 13-19) Tristynn DeBell, Gale McCrary and Jasmine Wolfe; young adults (20-34) Denise Schaffer, Michael Mausbach and Kristina Tirman; and adults (35 and older) Dr. Alice Nunes, Gail Peterson and Krista Ozawa.  
Doors open at 6 p.m. and food vendors – the Fresh Fish and the Donut Shack – will be at the Totem Square parking lot next to ANB Harbor. The evening will include music and dance performances by local women and queer folks, hosted by Mel Beadle.  
Award winners were chosen by how well they align with SAFV's fundamental values of safety, respect and community.  
Individuals in three age groups were selected: youth (13 to 19, young adults (20 to 34), and adults (35 and over).  
Door prizes will be given, and SAFV will provide beverages and desserts. Attendants can purchase raffle tickets for a cash prize of \$1,000 for \$10 each, with the drawing on May 4. Event tickets are available at the door for \$5, and donations are welcome. Nobody will be turned away for lack of funds, SAFV said. For information, email [info@safv.org](mailto:info@safv.org) or call 907 738-0161.

Paleo Inspired Cooking on Tap

A paleo-inspired meal cooking workshop with Paula Veshti, a dietetics student at the University of Alaska Anchorage, will be held 5-7 p.m. Saturday, April 19, at the See House, 611 Lincoln Street behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church.  
Participants will create a paleo inspired meal, along with dessert. This way of eating is gluten-free, dairy-free, refined sugar-free, refined oil-free and seen as anti-inflammatory. The cost of the workshop is \$35. Register at: <https://bit.ly/SitkaNutrition>. For information, contact Jasmine Shaw at [jdshaw2@alaska.edu](mailto:jdshaw2@alaska.edu) or 907 747-9440.

Walk2Connect Training April 30

The City and Borough of Sitka Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with the Sitka Recreation Foundation, will host a Walk2Connect Leader Training 1-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, at Harrigan Centennial Hall, Meeting Room 2.  
The free training is geared towards those who are interested in leading community walking events and those who currently organize walks and hikes.  
The training will be taught by experts from the Walk America Project and will include creative ideas for hosting fun and engaging walks that support a variety of paces and ages.  
It also will cover leading walks that maximize connection among participants, and a technical toolkit for designing a safe walk.  
While the training is free, space is limited. The first 10 participants to register will receive a walking leader kit. Registration can be found on [www.recreation.cityofsitka.com](http://www.recreation.cityofsitka.com).  
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# Shooting at Florida State Leaves 2 Dead, 6 Hurt

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Students stood in prayer circles and piled balloons, candles and teddy bears along a sidewalk today near Florida State University’s student union, where two people were shot and killed and six others were wounded during a rampage lasting less five minutes.

The gunman, identified as the son of a sheriff’s deputy, arrived on campus an hour before the shooting Thursday and stayed near a parking garage before he walked in and out of buildings and green spaces and firing a handgun just before lunchtime, police said.

In roughly four minutes, officers confronted 20-year-old son Phoenix Ikner, a Florida State student, and shot and wounded him, Tallahassee police said.

Officials have not identified the two men who died, but family members said Robert Morales, a university dining coordinator, was one of them. He worked

at Florida State since 2015 and studied criminology there in the early 1990s, according to his LinkedIn profile.

The other was Tiru Chabba, 45, a married father of two from Greenville, South Carolina, who was working for food service vendor Aramark, said Michael Wukela, a spokesperson for attorneys hired by the family.

Police have said five others were shot, and another person was hurt running away.

Medical staff at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare said they treated six people for gunshots and all were expected to survive.

They would not give any information about those people’s identities or say whether the suspect was among them. Police said earlier that he was taken to a local hospital.

Some of the wounded were students, according to university President Richard McCullough. al.

# Leave . . .

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gauge a little cleaner and make it more adaptable to small businesses, we have small businesses that might actually just go out of business,” she told the committee.

The bill has the enthusiastic backing of the Alaska Chamber, a business group that campaigned against the ballot measure.

In testimony at Wednesday’s hearing of the House Labor and Commerce Committee, Kati Capozzi, the chamber’s president, called it a “vital correction” to a pending mandate that burdens small businesses, especially in the tourism and hospitality sectors.

“Maybe well-intentioned or maybe not, Ballot Measure 1 introduced a one-size-fits-all mandate that failed to account for Alaska’s unique economic landscape,” she said.

Echoing earlier comments by Ruffridge and Coulombe, Capozzi said voters were less aware of Ballot Measure 1’s sick-leave provisions than they were of the wage hike. “It’s become clear that many voters did not understand the true and full implications of the ballot measure,” she said.

One of the leaders of the Ballot Measure 1 campaign vowed to work against House Bill 161.

“For me, it’s really important that the voters will be respected here,” Joelle Hall, president of the Alaska AFL-CIO, said Thursday. “The voters have made this choice. The voters have said, ‘We would like this to happen.’ And wheth-

er or not the business groups can use a smaller group of people, the Alaska Legislature, to try to undo their will — that is something we will fight.”

Hall disputed the bill sponsors’ characterization of the changes as minor.

“This, in my mind, is a substantial change. It is repealing the benefit that the voters voted for,” she said.

She also disputed the contention that voters had not paid attention to the sick-leave provisions in the initiative.

“That is just silliness, because we were very clear that it was earned sick leave,” she said. “Almost all of our advertising was about that, so almost every single ad we put out was about somebody’s earned sick-leave benefit.”

She said she was expecting some pushback on the bill’s provisions, but not this soon.

“It’s a little bit shocking to me that it’s such an aggressive overreach of what the voters passed,” she said. “I’m not surprised that they’re going to fight us on this tooth and nail every single session, to try to claw it back. I’m a little surprised they’re starting before it’s even a law.”

Alaska was not the only state where voters in November approved a mandate for paid sick leave. Similar initiatives passed in Missouri and Nebraska.

Several other states already required a paid sick leave prior to last year’s election.

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Maria Sandoval leans on a handmade cross bearing the names of loved ones passed as she waits in line to visit El Santuario De Chimayo in Northern New Mexico on Good Friday, today. Chimayo, N.M. (AP Photo/Roberto E. Rosales)

# Thousands of Pilgrims Make Good Friday Trek

**By MORGAN LEE Associated Press**

CHIMAYÓ, N.M. (AP) — A unique Holy Week tradition drew thousands of Catholic pilgrims to a small adobe church in the hills of northern New Mexico, in a journey on foot through desert badlands to reach a spiritual wellspring.

For generations, people of the Upper Rio Grande Valley and beyond have walked to reach El Santuario de Chimayó to commemorate Good Friday.

Pilgrims began arriving at dawn. Some had walked through the night under a half moon, carrying glowsticks, flashlights and walking staffs.

Some travelers are lured by an indoor well of dirt believed to have curative powers. Throughout the year, they leave behind crutches, braces and canes in acts of prayer for infirm children and others, and as evidence that miracles happen.

Easter week visitors file through an adobe archway and narrow indoor passages to find a crucified Nuestro Señor de Esquipulas at the main altar. According to local lore, the crucifix was found on the site in the early 1800s, a continent away from its analog at a basilica in the Guatemalan town of Esquipulas.

Chimayó, known for its artisan weavings and chile crops, rests high above the Rio Grande Valley and op-

posite the national defense laboratory at Los Alamos that sprang up in the race to develop the first atomic weapon.

The iconic adobe church at Chimayó was cast from local mud at the sunset of Spanish rule in the Americas in the early 1800s, on a site already held sacred by Native Americans.

Set amid narrow streets, curio shops and brooks that flow quickly in spring, El Santuario de Chimayó has been designated as a National Historic Landmark that includes examples of 19th century Hispanic folk art, religious frescoes and saints carved from wood known as bultos.

A separate chapel is dedicated to the Santo Niño de Atocha, a patron saint of children, travelers and those seeking liberation and a fitting figure of devotion for Chimayó pilgrims on the go.

Hundreds of children’s shoes have been left in a prayer room there by the faithful in tribute to the holy child who wears out footwear on miraculous errands. There are even tiny boots tacked to the ceiling.

Pueblo people who inhabited the Chimayó area long before Spanish settlers believed healing spirits could be found in the form of hot springs. Those springs ultimately dried up, leaving behind earth attributed with healing powers.

# SNEP . . .

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1974. She taught Lingít language as the program kicked off, and continues as an active teacher five decades later.

“I was the one that was the main language teacher as they taught song and dance and beading and drumming, but mine was mainly language,” she said.

“It was kind of hard to do it, because when we were younger, we were forbidden to speak it,” Johnson recalled. “My mom would let us go by our grandma, because she just spoke Lingít, she didn’t speak English. It was hard for me to do it.”

She said the best part of her role at SNEP has always been “the youngsters... That’s what all the instructors said, they were there for the kids. If it wasn’t for the kids, they wouldn’t be there.”

Other founders included Kaal.átk’ Charlie Joseph, Sr. and Yeidikook’áa Isabella Brady, who was the grandmother of the current Sitka Tribal chair Yeidikook’áa Dionne Brady-Howard. Brady-Howard was enrolled in SNEP from its founding year, when she was a small child, and all the way through high school.

She credited Charlie Joseph Sr. and others, for their work preserving traditional songs.

“He was the principle one who had most of the songs that we still have, in his memory, and preserved them... Without Charlie, we wouldn’t have all the songs that we have today.”

She continues to be active in the program today, teaching dance to kids.

“I think what was the most meaningful was just that it gave me a reason to really be proud of who I am,” Brady-Howard said. “And if you look now at a lot of the research that’s been done regarding Indigenous people and education is that if Indigenous children are encouraged to be part of who they are and learn more about who they are, they’re more likely to be successful in western education. And I think that it gave me that sense of self where I was able to continue on with my education successfully.”

The gathering on Saturday will be more than a celebration; it will send a grateful message to the community for the long-running support of SNEP.

“We wanted to celebrate the anniversary, but also we wanted to thank the community and the folks in the community who have supported the many facets of SNEP over the last five decades.”

In the 1970s and ‘80s, she noted, it was challenging to learn Lingít language anywhere, even at SNEP, and

university courses such as those now offered at the University of Alaska and Outer Coast College were not yet an option.

“There are tons of opportunities out there for Lingít language learning now, but at the time that I graduated from high school in 1991 those just didn’t exist,” Brady-Howard said.

She noted the uncertain state of federal funds at this time and historically, but was grateful for volunteer assistance with the program.

“I definitely am feeling apprehensive about it. But that being said, there’s a handful of people who have been volunteering this year so that there would be more instructors for the second through fourth graders and the fifth graders,” Brady-Howard said.

She credited Johnson, as well as Daasdiyáa Ethel Makinen, Kaal.átk’ Charlie Joseph Sr., Aanyáanáx, Tláa Annie Joseph, Sdi Sháa Mary Marks, Vida Davis, Mary Perkins, Kaat Shi Tláa Elizabeth Basco, Kaasanák Annie Dick and Aanwug eex’ Esther Littlefield with much of the work of carrying the program in its formative years.

LeBlanc also gave credit to Charlie Joseph Sr. for his role in forming the program with the goal of uplifting Indigenous children.

“It started with him seeing -- him and other elders -- that students were hanging their heads low, and they wanted to uplift them and teach them who they are,” LeBlanc said. “And it was about bringing their identity back into their hands. And that’s still exactly the thing that we’re doing today, is giving students their identity, or giving them a sense of belonging, showing them who they are, where they came from.”

# Peeps . . .

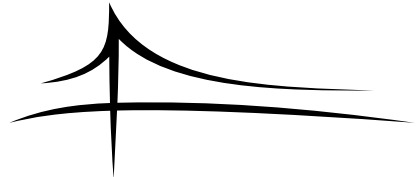
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even face off in microwave battles with toothpick swords. They also make a great addition to Easter charcuterie boards and make for colorful props for Easter photoshoots.

However, not everyone is a fan. The hosts of “Good Mythical Morning,” a popular YouTube talk show with over 19 million subscribers, tried every flavor of Peeps and shared that the candy came in second in their Worst Easter Candy Tournament. Michelle Price of Honest and Truly also shared her sentiments about the Easter treat saying, “I like marshmallows, but Peeps aren’t marshmallows. They’re a nasty candy masquerading as marshmallows. They’re cute and fun, but they do not taste good.”



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# Celebrating 50 Years

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This week’s photo is of the Gajáa Héen dancers in Washington DC. Under Yeidikook’áa (Isabella Brady), the dancers performed across the U.S. Dancers shown here include Yeidikook’áa (Dionne Brady-Howard), Lisa Gassman, Marilyn Payton, Alexandria Platt, Tonya Moy, Terry Stidd, Dan Littlefield, and Daanax.ils’eik̕ (Chuck Miller).

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