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Welcome Mat

Avari Frank, 8, right, and Aurora Armer, 7, cut a ribbon with the help of Sitka Parks and Rec Coordinator Kevin Knox Friday evening at the Keet Gooshee Heen Elementary School gym during a free open gym event to celebrate the new Gymnastics Airfloor. Parents and children were able to try out the

\$18,000 25x40-foot, 4-inch-thick 600-pound air mat made for use in gymnastics and tumbling exercises. The Airfloor was donated by the Sitka Recreation Foundation with contributions from Sitka Sound Slayers, the White Elephant Shop and individual donors. (Sentinel Photo By James Poulson)

Murkowski Defends Renewable Energy Projects

By YERETH ROSEN
Alaska Beacon

In a political environment where the president and his administration are pushing for more fossil fuel development and scorning alternative energy, Alaska's senior U.S. senator is defending renewable projects in the rural areas of her state.

U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, speaking at an Anchorage conference on Tuesday, recounted her efforts to convince Interior Secretary Doug Burgum that wind, solar and other sources of renewable energy are valuable even in oil-producing Alaska.

In a phone call Monday that lasted

more than an hour and in which Burgum reiterated the administration's support for more extraction of oil, gas and coal and its opposition to wind energy, Murkowski said she made a pitch for renewable projects in Alaska that were previously awarded grants but are now in limbo because of Trump administration funding freezes.

"We're coming to the department and saying, 'I know that you put on pause funding for clean energy resources. If you don't like the vernacular that we're using, that's fine, but look at it from the perspective of energy independence for these small communi-

ties and what independence means and looks like for them,'" Murkowski said at the Alaska Infrastructure Development Symposium.

The three-day symposium is sponsored by the state, the Alaska Municipal League, the Alaska Federation of Natives and other organizations.

Murkowski urged conference attendees to help educate officials from the Department of the Interior and other federal departments about rural Alaska communities' situations. Unlike communities in the Lower 48 states, rural Alaska communities are unconnected to larger energy grids and often struggle with expensive and difficult-to-store diesel fuel, making renewables a practical alternative, she noted.

Even a long-desired natural gas pipeline megaproject from Alaska's North Slope, which President Donald Trump and others are enthusiastically backing, would not do much to help rural Alaska communities that lie outside of any large power grid.

"It's not going to do a spur out to Togiak. It's not going to do a spur out to Kobuk," Murkowski said, naming a Yup'ik village in Western Alaska and an Inupiat village in Northwest Alaska. "So I said, 'Please, please don't forget the opportunities that come to our more rural communities that are more isolated who need to be able to access those resources that are there. And those resources may be a little bit of wind, it may be a little bit of solar, it may be a little bit of the of the run of river, it may be a little bit of geothermal.'" Murkowski's defense of renewable energy comes as hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of planned rural Alaska projects are in doubt because of Trump administration actions. The administration has frozen much of the infrastructure funding that was awarded during the Biden administration, including funding for renewable energy development.

Last month, the Alaska Public Interest Research Group said it had calculated that over \$1 billion of Alaska



Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, speaks on Tuesday at the Alaska Infrastructure Development Symposium in Anchorage. (Photo by Yereth Rosen/Alaska Beacon)

energy and other infrastructure projects were affected. As a result, some local governments, tribes and other organizations have delayed planned projects because they are uncertain about reimbursement. Such delays in rural Alaska can put projects at least a year behind schedule because construction work depends on delivery of heavy equipment and material by barges that can travel only in ice-free conditions.

As of yet, there has been little clarity on which projects will actually get funded and which will have to be canceled, said Murkowski and municipal officials attending the symposium.

Murkowski said at least a couple of Trump administration department secretaries are planning trips to Alaska in June, and that might present an educational opportunity. She did not specify which cabinet members may be visiting. **Continued on Back Page**

Assembly Approves Budgets, Land Lease

ANNA LAFFREY
Sentinel Staff Writer

The Assembly Tuesday adopted the city's general fund and enterprise fund budgets for fiscal year 2026, amended the city code governing parks and recreation facilities, and approved the first reading of a lease agreement for a community garden.

Following several months of meetings on the budget with city staff, the Assembly voted unanimously to approve both budget ordinances on second reading.

The ordinance making changes to city code on parks and recreation also earned unanimous support from the Assembly on second reading. The ordinance deals with expansion in the city P&R division's scope of responsibilities, as well as increased usage of city parks and recreation areas, and formalizes the city's partnership with the Sitka School District for uses of many parks facilities.

Code updates will alter the scheduling and permit procedures for city facilities, allowing for more online bookings, and restricting reservations of the Tom Young Cabin to Sitka residents. **Community Gardens**

Near the end of the meeting, the Assembly unanimously approved on first reading a lease for a half-acre of city-owned land on Jarvis Street to the Sitka Community Gardens Association for development of 48 horticulture plots.

The city's lease of the garden site follows a nearly year-long process between

the city and the Community Gardens group, which is a joint project between the local nonprofits Transition Sitka and the Sitka Local Food Networks.

The garden property is adjacent to the land where the Sitka Homeless Coalition is developing a group of small houses for unhoused Sitkans.

After receiving a request from Community Gardens to lease land for a garden, the city put out a request for proposals for the Jarvis Street Horticulture Site. Community Gardens was the only respondent, proposing a development with 45 10-foot by 20-foot garden plots, as well as two 3-foot by 20-foot raised plots that would be ADA accessible.

In January, the Assembly directed city staff to develop a lease with the group.

With the Assembly's approval on first reading, the lease ordinance will be up for final approval at the May 13 Assembly meeting.

It calls for an initial lease term of three years with five five-year extensions available if mutually agreed to by the Community Gardens as well as the Assembly.

Community Gardens would pay one dollar per year for the lease, and would be responsible for all development, utilities, and care for the land.

Joel Hanson, project manager for the Community Gardens group, said the Gardens team is "committing to this long-term plan and long-term project, and we really appreciate the opportunity" **Continued on Back Page**

Superintendent Resigns At Mt. Edgecumbe HS

GARLAND KENNEDY
Sentinel Staff Writer

Mt. Edgecumbe High School Superintendent Suzuk Huntington has announced she will resign from her position at the state-operated boarding school at the close of the school year.

Huntington sent staff an email about her resignation last week, as the school continues to face financial difficulties and may have to cut a large number of staff members in order to deliver a balanced budget.

Huntington's resignation will take effect June 30, after the end of Mt. Edgecumbe's school year. She has been superintendent since 2022.

In her April 14 resignation letter to Alaska Commissioner of Education Deena Bishop, Huntington said:

"This decision has not been easy. As the world has grown more uncertain, so has the need to be physically closer to my immediate and extended family as well as the Arctic environment of my culture and heritage."

On March 6 Bishop wrote a letter to MEHS staff and students about the need for cuts.



Mt. Edgecumbe High School's Superintendent Mary "Suzzuk" Huntington is pictured in front of St. Michael's Cathedral in 2022. (Photo Provided)

"MEHS is currently facing a budget shortfall due to increased operational costs, facility maintenance needs, and rising expenses associated with providing comprehensive student services. **Continued on Back Page**

Community Orchestra Concert Set For Friday

KAT RHOADS
Youth Arts Press
Special to the Sentinel

Sitka Community Orchestra, an inter-generational ensemble, is playing its annual concert at the Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m. Friday night.

Admission is free for the orchestra's hour-long performance of music that span different centuries of orchestral music. Local musicians will be playing strings, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments in the performance.

The concert will begin with choral pieces from the Baroque Period, SCO Director Drew Larson said. The orchestra will then transport audiences to the Classical Period with Beethoven, compositions from the Romantic period, and ending with a 20th-century musical theater piece.

Larson says the ensemble stands out because it features local musicians of all ages.

"Whenever you have a group that's across-ages, the people who want to be there are there because they really love what they're doing," Larson said in a recent interview.

Sitka Community Orchestra started several decades ago, originally as a youth orchestra.

Over the years, the organization has morphed into an ensemble of 35 members of all ages, from middle schoolers to retirees.

Larson said that since he took on the role of director in 2020, he's seen more adults have joined the orchestra. Following the pandemic, "people are just looking for a way to engage with one another not through electronics ... especially through the dark days of winter," Larson said.

He said the low-stress environment creates a welcoming, positive atmosphere and a connected community.



Members of the Sitka Community Orchestra play at the Performing Arts Center in 2024. This year's free concert is Friday. (Sentinel Photo By James Poulson)

Sitka Community Orchestra meets every Tuesday, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., from mid-January to late-April.

Anyone interested in joining next

year can contact the Sitka Parks and Recreation Division — or show up on the first day of rehearsal with a bow and a smile or a horn and a grin.

Legislators Uphold Veto Of School Funding Bill

By CORINNE SMITH and
JAMES BROOKS
Alaska Beacon

The Alaska Legislature has voted to uphold Gov. Mike Dunleavy's veto of a bill that would have significantly increased the funding formula for Alaska's K-12 public schools.

Dunleavy vetoed House Bill 69 last week, citing cost concerns and the lack of policy measures he endorsed. With the House and Senate meeting in joint session, the vote to override Dunleavy was 33-27, sustaining the veto. Forty of the Legislature's 60 members were needed for an override.

Sen. Bert Stedman, R-Sitka, voted against overriding; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot, I-Sitka, the bill's sponsor, voted for overriding.

In its final version, HB 69 would have increased the state's base student allocation, core of the K-12 funding formula, by \$1,000 per student. That would have resulted in \$253 million more per year for public schools, if fully funded.

Last year, the Legislature voted overwhelmingly in favor of a smaller,

\$174 million formula increase. Dunleavy vetoed that bill as well. Lawmakers then failed by a single vote to override the governor's decision.

Unlike in 2024, when education supporters packed the Capitol to urge an override, there was no major protest accompanying the override vote. A single pro-override sign-waver stood outside the Capitol for about 30 minutes during lunchtime, then departed amid a light drizzle.

As the joint session got underway, Sen. Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel and co-chair of the Senate Finance Committee, spoke first.

"It is with great reluctance that I stand here today to support the governor's veto," he said. "As everyone is well aware we have a major budget deficit. Not only in the current year that we are in, some \$150 million, but we also have a substantial amount for the coming fiscal year."

Hoffman said that while he supports a \$1,000 BSA increase, lawmakers must address raising new revenues **Continued on Back Page**

May 28 Special Election Absentee Voting Starts

ANNA LAFFREY
Sentinel Staff Writer

The city clerk's office is offering absentee in-person voting in the May 28 special election to those who are leaving town or are unable to vote in the latter half of May, Municipal Clerk Sara Peterson said today.

Ballots for the special election arrived last week, and several people have voted over the last few days, Peterson said.

On May 13, early in-person voting at regular hours will start at Harrigan Centennial Hall. Anyone who needs to vote prior to that date can contact the clerk's office to make an appointment to cast an in-person absentee ballot.

The clerk's office provided the following information about the election.

Only registered voters may cast ballots in the special election. Those not registered can do so online, or at city hall prior to the close of business on Monday, April 28.

Early in-person voting at Centennial Hall will start at 8:30 a.m. May 13, and continue on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. through May 27. Early voting at Centennial Hall also will be offered on Saturdays May 17 and May 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Polls will be closed on Memorial Day, May 26.

A personal representative may pick up a ballot for another person during the same hours that early voting is open at Centennial Hall, or on Election Day. Those ballots will be due back at the hall by 8 p.m. on May 28.

Mail-in ballots are available in the special election. The last day to submit

an application for a ballot to vote by mail is 5 p.m. on May 21. Ballots will be mailed out to voters starting this week, Peterson said.

All mail-in ballots must be post-marked no later than May 28 and must be received by the clerk's office by May 30, or may be hand-delivered to the clerk's office by 5 p.m. on May 28. **Continued on Back Page**

F&G Agent Kills Bear

ANNA LAFFREY
Sentinel Staff Writer

Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist Steve Bethune shot a bear on Andrew Hope Street early this morning, following reports of a destructive bear in the Indian River Subdivision.

Police reported Saturday that a bear tore the door off a shed to get to a garbage can, and on Sunday a bear in the same area tore through a garage door to get to the garbage stored inside.

Bethune said today that after receiving a text message from police with a picture of a garage door that had been broken down by a bear, he gave the "green light" to police, Alaska State Troopers and his own agency to shoot the bear.

The residential break-ins presented "a pretty specific public safety issue" that prompted the decision to kill the bear, Bethune said.

On Monday and Tuesday nights, Bethune "posted up during the night" **Continued on Back Page**

FSU Students Urge State To Back Gun Control

By KATE PAYNE
Associated Press/Report for America
 TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida students who were traumatized by the 2018 Parkland school shooting — and last week's deadly shooting at Florida State University — are urging the Republican-controlled statehouse not to roll back gun restrictions passed in the wake of the killing at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Gun rights activists have been fighting to unravel the 2018 law since its passage, including a provision that raised the state's minimum age to buy a gun to 21.

Following the FSU shooting, student activists are urging lawmakers to support gun control policies in the final two weeks of the legislative session, which is set to end May 2.

law, which allows courts to take away guns from people who pose a danger to themselves or others, and raising the state's gun-buying age.

Investigators say the FSU suspect armed himself with a handgun that was the former service weapon of his stepmother, a local sheriff's deputy.

Under current Florida law, Ikner couldn't legally buy a rifle from a federally licensed dealer.

Rubenstein said his message to lawmakers is to find the "political courage" to protect the state's gun restrictions.

"When it comes to life and death, it's important to do the right thing," he said.

About three weeks before the FSU shooting, the Florida House passed a bill that would lower the state's minimum age to buy a gun to 18. The proposal had already stalled in the state Senate before the shooting, and it appears even less likely to advance now.

Today, Republican state Sen. Corey Simon, a former FSU football player who represents Tallahassee, was moved to tears as he spoke on the Senate floor about the "senseless violence."

"Today I rise and ask for a moment of silence for my Seminole family, as we mourn those lost and the many lives that have been changed forever," Simon said, at times bowed over in grief.

Today, the family of one of the victims announced his funeral will take place Friday in Greenville, South Carolina. Tiru Chabba, a 45-year-old father of two and a resident of Greenville, had been on FSU's campus the day of the shooting as an employee of food service vendor Aramark, according to attorneys for his family.

Democratic state Sen. Tina Polsky, whose district includes Parkland, is among the Democrats who have sponsored gun control bills this session that never got a hearing in the Capitol, where Republicans hold a supermajority in both chambers.

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That included establishing a red flag

"No one should ever have to experience a school shooting — let alone two — just to have to beg lawmakers to care enough to stop the next one," said Stephanie Horowitz, who was a freshman at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018 and is now a graduate student at FSU.

Two people were killed and six others injured in the shooting last Thursday that terrorized FSU's campus, about a mile (1.6 kilometers) from the state Capitol. As of Wednesday, the 20-year-old student who investigators have identified as the suspect remains hospitalized and in good condition, officials said. Charges aren't expected to be filed against Phoenix Ikner until he's released.

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Trade War: How Tesla, Others Handling Tariffs

By DAMIAN J. TROISE
AP Business Writer
 NEW YORK (AP) — Uncertainty over tariffs and an unpredictable trade war is weighing heavily on companies as they report their latest financial results and try to give investors financial forecasts.

Some tariffs remain in place against key U.S. trading partners, but others have been postponed to give nations time to negotiate. The tariff and trade picture has been shifting for months, sometimes changing drastically on a daily basis. Those shifts make it difficult for companies and investors to make a reliable assessment of any impact to costs and sales.

On Tuesday, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said he expects a "de-escalation" in the trade war between the U.S. and China, but cautioned that talks between the two sides had yet to formally start.

Here's how several big companies are dealing with the tariff confusion:

Tesla
 Tesla is in a better position than most car companies to deal with tariffs because it makes most of its U.S. cars domestically. But it still sources materials from other nations and will face import taxes.

The bigger impact will be seen in the company's energy business. The company said the impact will be "outsized" because it sources LFP battery cells from China.

The broader trade war could also hurt the company as China, the world's largest electric vehicle market, retaliates against the U.S. Tesla was forced

earlier this month to stop taking orders from mainland customers for two models, its Model S and Model X. It makes the Model Y and Model 3 for the Chinese market at its factory in Shanghai.

CEO Elon Musk, an adviser to President Donald Trump, on Tuesday reiterated that he believes "lower tariffs are generally a good idea for prosperity." But he added that ultimately the president decides on what tariffs to impose.

Akzo Nobel
 The Amsterdam-based maker of paints and coatings for industrial and commercial use said the big risk from tariffs could come in the form of lower demand for its products.

The company said almost all sales of finished goods in the U.S. were locally produced, with the majority of raw materials locally sourced.

"Over the years, we deliberately localized both our procurement and production in the U.S.," said CEO Gregoire Poux-Guillaume, in a conference call with analysts. "We also largely run China for China and use the rest of Asia instead as an export base."

The company's products range from paints and coatings for the automotive industry to the do-it-yourself homeowner. Broader tariffs could squeeze consumers and businesses and hurt sales.

Boston Scientific
 The medical device maker said it expects most of the effects of tariffs to hit the company during the second half of the year, but that it can absorb the impact.

The company raised its earnings

and revenue forecasts for the year, despite the tariffs. It estimates a \$200 million impact from tariffs in 2025, but said it can offset that through higher sales and reductions in discretionary spending.

The company said it has a long-standing supply chain around the globe and has made significant investments in the U.S.

Boeing
 Boeing said much of its supply chain is in the U.S. and many of its imports from Canada and Mexico are exempt from tariffs under an existing trade agreement.

The company does have suppliers in Japan and Italy, but it expects to recover those tariff costs. The net annual cost of higher tariffs on the supply chain is less than \$500 million.

A bigger concern is the potential for retaliatory tariffs, which could impact its ability to deliver aircraft. China, a key target for U.S. tariffs, has retaliated in part by no longer accepting deliveries of Boeing aircraft.

AT&T
 AT&T, like its peers in the telecommunications sector, faces higher costs for cellphones and other equipment.

The company said it believes it can manage anticipated higher costs, based on the current pause in some tariffs and its supply chain.

"The magnitude of any increase will depend on a variety of factors, including how much of the tariffs the vendors pass on, the impact that the tariffs have on consumer and business demand," said CEO John Stankey, on a conference call with analysts.

CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA

PUBLIC NOTICE

EQUIPMENT - 53'x 6' STEEL GANGWAY

The City and Borough of Sitka will receive sealed bids no later than **2:00:00 p.m. local time, May 2, 2025** at the office of the Harbormaster, 617 Katlian Street, Sitka, Alaska 99835 where the bids will be publicly opened. Minimum bid is one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars. Bids received later than 2:00:00 p.m. will be rejected.

The GANGWAY can be inspected between **8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday** at the Gary Paxton Industrial Park lot 9B, across from the Gary Paxton Industrial Park dock, Sitka, Alaska. This item is being sold where is, as is. Bidders must satisfy themselves of the condition of this item and the city offers no warranties. Inquiries can be made through the Harbor Department at (907) 747-4017.

The bidding documents for these items are available free of charge at the office of the Harbormaster, 617 Katlian Street, Sitka, AK 99835; (907) 747-4017. The bidding document must be signed and all applicable spaces shall be completed.

The City and Borough of Sitka reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities.

Stan Eliason, Harbormaster
PUBLISHED April 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Non-Compliant Business: Failure to file and/or remit sales tax

The businesses reported below are delinquent in filing and/or remitting of sales tax. The sales taxes collected by merchants, in the normal course of business, are required by law to be held in trust for and remitted to the City and Borough of Sitka.

The Sales Tax Office of the City and Borough of Sitka is committed to ensuring that all sales tax accounts are fully compliant. In this round of enforcement, demand and compliance letters were sent requesting that businesses bring their accounts into compliance. All have taken steps to rectify the situation, except for the businesses listed below, which continue to be non-compliant. Our ongoing efforts aim to bring all businesses into compliance.

The Sales Tax Office is available to assist businesses with filing returns. Please contact us at 907-747-1840 or 907-747-1853 if you have any questions or would like to schedule an appointment.

The following information is published under Sitka General Code 4.25.350 (b) and 4.25.405.

Business Name	Owner Name	Number of Returns	Year of Oldest Missing Return	Delinquent in Remission of Sales Tax
Armer's Marine & ATV	Charles Armer	24	2019	Unknown
Breezy Days Taxi	Doug Smathers	17	2020	Yes
Baranof Machine LLC	Dan Blake	14	2021	Unknown
Gombeens Taxi	David Ryan	13	2021	Unknown
Marthaller Transportation	Zach Marthaller	12	2022	Yes
Q&L Excavation	Sean Barclay	11	2022	Yes
Catch Sitka	Issam Samman		2023	Yes
Catch Sitka Seafoods	Issam Samman		2023	Yes
Jacoby Custom Construction	Michael Jacoby	9	2022	Yes
Sizzling Chow	Marivic Carbonnel	9	2022	Yes
Ye TacoLoco	Carlos Rodriguez Hernandez	3	2024	Yes

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City and Borough of Sitka Marine Services Center Improvements PROJECT #90993 - Design Build Services Request for Proposals

A. Overview

The City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) is soliciting Proposals from qualified Design-Build (DB) Teams to design and construct the Marine Service Center (MSC) Improvement Project. The selection process must comply with CBS and Maritime Administration (MARAD) procurement requirements to ensure open and fair competition.

CBS intends to select the DB Team utilizing a Qualifications and Price competitive process to procure the highest qualified contractor with the strongest management team at market competitive fees. The proposers will be ranked based on the cumulative scores for qualifications and price.

B. Requirements

The full RFP and all supporting documents can be downloaded from the www.cityofsitka.com, click on Bids & RFP link. It is the responsibility of the proposer to regularly check the website for addenda to the RFP.

All bidders are strongly encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 2:00pm, City Hall 3rd Floor Conference Room, 100 Lincoln Street, Sitka, Alaska or via Zoom meeting.

To join the pre-bid meeting via Zoom:
 Meeting ID: 840 5114 3725
 Passcode: 358637
 Phone Number: 1 (253) 205-0468

CBS encourages disadvantaged, minority, and women-owned consultant firms to respond.

The CBS, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

C. Submissions and Inquiries
 Proposals will be received no later than **2:00 PM Alaska Time Zone, Thursday, May 15, 2025**. Proposals must be submitted electronically using BidExpress.com. Proposals received after the time specified will not be accepted or considered.

Questions can be directed to Loren Gehring, P.E., Senior Engineer at email address: MSC.Improvements@cityofsitka.org. Inquiries shall be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Thursday, May 8, 2025. Questions by email are requested to allow for tracking.

NOTICE GIVEN by the Director of Public Works, City and Borough of Sitka, this 15th day of April, 2025.
 Mark Seavey, Acting Public Works Director
Published: April 18, 23, 2025

Weather

Sitka Forecast

A low of 42 degrees accompanied by rain is forecast for tonight. For Thursday, a high of 47 degrees and an overnight low of 40, with showers, are forecast for Thursday.

Sitka Weather

Temperatures ranged from 42 to 48 degrees, winds were calm, and .27 inch of rain was logged in the 24 hours ending at midnight last night, the National Weather Service reports.

Sitka Yesterday

20 YEARS AGO April 2005

A local ordinance requiring bike and skateboard riders under age 18 to wear helmets was passed by the Assembly Tuesday on a 6-1 vote. Valorie Nelson voted against, saying she believed the new law might place a financial burden on some families.

50 YEARS AGO April 1955

Photo caption: Susan Carlson and Christopher, age 41/2 months, and Cathy Scott and Kelly, age 10 months, take part in an infant swimming class at Blatchley Junior High swimming pool. Ann Aitken is instructor and Gloria Olson is assistant.

SAMPLE BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER: To vote for the issue/candidate of your choice, fill in the oval next to the issue/candidate you want to vote for. Place your ballot inside the secrecy sleeve and then take your ballot to the ballot box.

If you make a mistake while voting, return the ballot to the election official for a new one. A vote which has been erased or changed will not be counted.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION
MAY 28, 2025

Instructions:
 To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice like this: ●
 Use a blue or black ink pen to mark your ballot. NO RED INK. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

Proposition No. 1

Shall the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) adopt proposed Ordinance No. 2024-33 to regulate all cruise ship visitation, beginning with the 2026 cruise season, by establishing:

1. regulations on large cruise ships (defined as ships accommodating 250+ overnight passengers) to include:
 - a. limiting port calls to the cruise season (defined as May 1 – September 30);
 - b. restricting port calls to a maximum of six days per week ensuring at least one day per week with no port calls;
 - c. an annual cap of 300,000 scheduled passengers ashore per cruise season; and
 - d. a daily cap of 4,500 scheduled passengers ashore;
2. requirements for the CBS to implement and administer a scheduling and permitting system for large and small cruise ships;
3. requirements for the CBS to enforce provisions for violations (principally through fines, permit revocation, and/or suspending permit eligibility for one year), to be imposed on cruise ship owners or operators; and
4. requirements for cruise ship operators to report visitation data to the CBS.

Informational: See proposed Ordinance No. 2024-33.

YES NO

Polling Places - May 2025



Remember to vote in the Special Municipal Election on Wednesday, May 28



Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM

Precinct Name

Location

SITKA NO. 1
(02-765)

Harrigan Centennial Hall
330 Harbor Drive
Meeting Rooms 5 & 6

SITKA NO. 2
(02-770)

Harrigan Centennial Hall
330 Harbor Drive
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3

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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 premiertrainin-gak@gmail.com.

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Iota chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is offering mini-grants to professional educators in Sitka to be used for classroom projects for which budgeted funding is not available.

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Completed application forms should be returned no later than May 5.

'Baby Raven Reads' Story Time Thurs.

"Picking Berries," a Baby Raven Reads cultural story time, will be at Sitka Public Library 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 24.

The program will be led by culture bearer Gloria Wolfe, and includes a read aloud, followed by literacy activities related to the featured book, "Picking Berries," by Hanah Lindoff.

For information call 907-747-4020.

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.

Sitka Rose Awards Event Set 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. Alicia Porter will receive the Sitka Rose Icon Award.

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. Attendees 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 or call 907-738-0161.

Play Presentation By SFAC on Stage

Sitka Fine Arts Camp's Young Performers Theater will present "Failure: A Love Story" 7 p.m. Saturday, April 26, and 2 p.m. April 27 at Odess Theater at Allen Hall on the SJ Campus.

Tickets are \$10/\$5, and children under 5 are free. They are available at fineartscamp.org or 907-747-3085.

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.

Prescription Drug 'Take Back' Listed

The 28th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, led by the Drug Enforcement Administration, will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Sitka Public Library.

Hosted by Sitka Counseling and the HOPE Coalition, the event offers "a respectful, confidential and judgment-free space for community members to safely dispose of unused or expired prescription medications," the organizers said. "By removing medications that are no longer needed, we reduce the risk of accidental use, misuse, and environmental harm."

The event is centered on protecting health, promoting safety, and supporting individuals and families in making informed, empowered choices.

Appreciation is extended to Harry Race Pharmacy, the Sitka Police Department, and the Sitka Public Library for their commitment to this effort, organizers said.

Animal Shelter Event May 4

Friends of Sitka Animal Shelter will host a family friendly, community-driven event to help shape the future of animal services in Sitka 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Mean Queen Dungeon.

It will include free pizza, live music and raffle prizes.



BIG RIG FUN – Students from 3 to 5 Preschool stand in front of the fire truck that will be at the Big Rig fundraising event 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Mt. Edgecumbe High School parking lot. Attendees may place their name into a fire truck piñata for a raffle. The winner (and four others) will get to ride on the fire truck

at a later time. A wide variety of vehicles will be available to view, and to climb on with support of the many businesses and individuals. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of four or more. The T-shirts the preschoolers are wearing will be for sale at the event. Food will be available. (Photo provided to the Sentinel)

Police Blotter

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

April 22

At 8:25 a.m. a caller said a cat was stuck in a boat hangar on Granite Creek Road. The animal control officer was notified.

Police were asked to check on the welfare of a woman who had missed a medical appointment. Officers located the woman, who was fine.

At 11:57 a.m. a vehicle was reported broken down and causing a traffic hazard at HPR and Erler Street. It was moved from the roadway.

At 12:04 p.m. a man was reported smoking marijuana in his vehicle under the O'Connell Bridge. Officers were unable to locate a vehicle matching the description.

At 4:22 p.m. a vehicle was reported speeding and crossing no-passing lines, in the SMC-Price Street area. Police were unable to locate the vehicle.

At 4:27 p.m. a caller said teens were running around Eliason Harbor. Police found they were from a school and were looking at sea lions.

At 10:06 p.m. a caller said people were shouting loudly in the 200 block of Katlian Street. All was quiet when an officer arrived.

At 10:09 p.m. a caller said someone in a vehicle parked in the 3800 block of HPR appeared to be hiding when the caller drove by.

April 23

At 4 a.m. a Fish & Game employee shot and killed a bear on Andrew Hope Street in the Indian River Subdivision.

Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department received three ambulance calls Tuesday.

Lunch and Learn With Sitka Tribe

Sitka Tribe of Alaska and the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services will host an educational "mandatory reporting" training for adults who are connected/working with youths.

The workshop is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 24 at Sheet'ka Kwáan Naa Kahídi. Topics are recognizing the signs of child abuse/neglect, current trends, responding to a disclosure, and reporting. Lunch will be provided to attendees at this free event. Register at <https://forms.gle/ADkFGVVR9CtGsW78>.

Respite Care Presentation Set

Occupational therapist Jamilee Seavey will give a presentation on the importance of respite care for caregivers of children with autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24, at Sitka Public Library.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact Margot at 907-747-4020 or email margot.oconnell@cityofsitka.org.

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. 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, at Old Harbor Books, or at the door if space is available.

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Calendar of Events

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4:30 p.m. Sitka Parkinson's Support Group, 1212 Seward Ave. (the old BOQ) 907-747-3461

5-8 p.m. Gift-making for Yaaw Koo. eex' at ANB Hall. Info: herringprotectors@gmail.com

5:30-8 p.m. Graduation Lei-making workshop, STA, register at <https://forms.gle/dfpLvufPHGED5jeN6>

5:30 p.m. School Budget Workshop and community hearing, Sitka High Library

5:30 p.m. Police and Fire Commission, Harrigan Centennial Hall

7 p.m. Sitka Sportsman's Association Indoor Range open

7 p.m. AA, St. Gregory's Church, 606 Etoiln Street, info: 907-747-8866

THURSDAY

6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open

10:30 a.m. Baby Raven Reads, story time, Sitka Public Library

10:30 a.m. SAIL Senior Hiking Club, Indian River Trail head

11-2 Salvation Army Little Store open

11:30 a.m. STA Lunch-and-Learn, mandatory reporting, Sheet'ka Kwáan Naa Kahídi

Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, AA hotline 907-747-8866 for information

Noon Alanon Zoom, sitkaalanon@gmail.com, for login info

Noon White Elephant Shop open

5:30-8 p.m. Graduation Lei-making workshop, STA, register at <https://forms.gle/dfpLvufPHGED5jeN6>

6:30 p.m. Autism Respite Care presentation, Sitka Public Library

6:30 p.m. Women's AA, Unitarian Fellowship Hall, AA Hotline 907-747-8866

7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln Street, AA hotline 907-747-8866

FRIDAY

Noon STA Health and Human Services Committee, 204 Siginaka Way

Noon Osteoarthritis Workshop, free, 311 Price Street

Noon MEHS Aquatic Center pool open

Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 907-747-8866 for information

5:30 p.m. NA Meeting, St. Peter's Church basement

7 p.m. Sitka Rose Awards, sponsored by Sitkans Against Family Violence, Sheet'ka Kwáan Naa Kahídi

7 p.m. Sitka Community Orchestra Concert, Sitka Performing Arts Center

7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln Street, hotline 907-747-8866

SENTINEL SPORTS

Mullin Competes With Top Runners in LA

By GARLAND KENNEDY
Sentinel Sports Editor

Clare Mullin, one of the top runners at Sitka High, set new personal records and demonstrated again that she can compete with the best athletes around the country last week at an invitational meet at Mt. San Antonio College in California.

Mullin was the only Sitka High athlete on the track over the weekend as the rest of the Wolves track and field team had a bye.

The one-mile race was Mullin's first event at the Mt. SAC invitational, and the Sitka High School senior placed eighth, at 4:54, in a field of 39.

"That was just very, very chaotic for me. There was a ton of people in my heat, and definitely not something I'm super used to," Mullin told the Sentinel Tuesday. "And it was just elbow to elbow, shoulder to shoulder the whole time, just constantly trying to fight through people to get to a good spot. So that was definitely challenging in a way that I'm not really used to. Normally, when races are challenging for me, it's really just trying to grit through it. But this was very mentally challenging as far as strategy and stuff. I felt like that was good, and I learned a lot from that race, so that I felt more confident going into the start of my 800."

Mullin's mile time was her fastest ever, about 3 seconds quicker than her previous PR set at the Nike Outdoor National track meet in Oregon last June. Charlotte Hopkins, from California's Arcadia High School, won the mile in a blistering 4:49.

Mullin had another personal best in the 800 meter race, finishing fourth at 2:10.73.

"I feel like getting to the space that I needed to be right from the beginning really helped me in that race, and I felt much more confident the whole time because I knew I was in the right spot," Mullin said.

She has the Alaska state record for the girls 800 in her sights this year; that record is presently 2:10.4.

The next meet for the Sitka Wolves



Clare Mullin competes for Sitka High School in 2024 at Lower Moller Field. The senior has signed to run with Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington, starting in the fall. (Sentinel photo)

will be in Juneau, Friday and Saturday. The 800 at Mt. SAC "went exactly how I planned it, which was really nice," Mullin said. "I think it was good

to have people around me to race, and I knew that I was fit enough to run a 2:10 so just being able to execute that was good. And I feel like it set me up

really well for this season. As far as my goal of breaking the state record; I'm just point three seconds off."

Mullin noted that she chose the Mt. SAC meet in part because other options conflicted with different track events this spring, and Mt. SAC splits the 800 and mile onto different days. The meet ran from last Wednesday through Saturday. The college is in the town of Walnut, 25 miles east of Los Angeles.

Though Mullin was aiming for a time that would best the Alaska high school record for the 800, she said she's looking forward to doing that in Alaska, when her teammates are present.

"I was so close. But also, when I do run that, I think it would be really good to run it in Alaska on an Alaskan track," Mullin said. "I feel like that would just make it more official, and I'd be able to celebrate it with my teammates and my coaches there."

Her mother was her only hometown supporter at the California meet.

Because of how Mt. SAC runs their meet, Mullin added, she wasn't sure which heat she'd be in until only days prior to the races. As it turns out, she ran with the fastest athletes.

"I didn't know I was going to be in the fastest heat of this until a couple days before, actually," she said. "But really it's just times — they take the top 16 in the 800 and however many in the mile, and that's the invitational heat."

Along with her goal of taking the state record in the 800, Mullin would like to notch another top performance at the Nike Outdoor National meet in Eugene, Oregon, in June to close out her high school running career.

"I would like to finish in the top 10 at nationals as All-American honors. That'd be awesome," Mullin said. "That's kind of the big goal... and really focusing down on the eight, because I feel like that is my strongest event. So I've been doing a lot of speed work for that."

Mullin has already signed to run with Gonzaga University in Spokane, an NCAA Division I school, starting in the fall.

Volleyball Tourney Continues

By Sentinel Staff

Deez Netz made it to another round in the City League competitive division volleyball championship consolation bracket with a 2-0 win over the Diggity Dogs, Tuesday evening at the Blatchley gym. The Netz face the SEARHC Slammers Thursday at 7:45 p.m. The champion-

ship title match between the winner of that match and Wildflower Cookie Monsters is set for Sunday 2 p.m.

In the recreational bracket, the YAPPERS beat Subway 2-0. The YAPPERS will play Yellow Jersey this evening, with the recreational championship match scheduled for Monday, April 28.

Bello Leads Red Sox over Mariners

BOSTON (AP) — Brayan Bello allowed one run over five innings in his season debut, Triston Casas hit a three-run homer in the seventh and the Boston Red Sox beat the Seattle Mariners 8-3 on Tuesday night for their sixth win in seven games.

Alex Bregman hit a pair of RBI doubles for the Red Sox.

Jorge Polanco hit a solo homer in the first for Seattle and J.P. Crawford hit a two-run single in the sixth as Seattle closed to 4-3.

Bello (1-0), who had been sidelined by a strained right shoulder, followed Polanco's homer with a walk and two hit batters before Rowdy Tellez grounded into a 3-6-1 double play. Bello threw 97 pitches,

giving up four hits and three walks with three strikeouts.

Bryce Miller (1-3) allowed four runs, five hits and four walks in 4 2/3 innings. Seattle lost for just the third time in 11 games.

With runners on first and second and one out in the seventh, Casas homered on an 0-1 curveball from Trent Thornton.

Jarren Duran extended his hitting streak to nine games when he tripled leading off the first. It was the second triple of the season for Duran, who led the AL in 2024 with 14.

Mariners RHP Emerson Hancock (0-1, 12.71 ERA) faces LHP Sean Newcomb (0-2, 3.63) of Boston today night.

Mixed Results for Lillard in Return

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — All-Star guard Damian Lillard wanted to give the Milwaukee Bucks a lift Tuesday night.

So he called coach Doc Rivers in the morning and told him he would return for Game 2 of their first-round playoff series after missing the past month because of a health scare. Rivers didn't argue with his team down 1-0.

Lillard gave it everything he could in Indianapolis, finishing with 14 points on 4-of-13 shooting while playing 37 minutes in a 123-115 in a Game 2 loss.

"It felt pretty good given the fact that I haven't played in so long," Lillard said. "Jumping back into a playoff game, I'd say it felt pretty good. I felt pretty solid."

Clearly, he wasn't himself after battling deep vein thrombosis in his right calf. He only practice three times since last playing March 18 and couldn't even do much cardio work to stay in game shape.

It showed.

While there were flashes of his pre-absence play, such as the 3 he made with 2:31 left to get the Bucks within 115-113, his explosiveness was not there. And he appeared to wear down in the second half when he was 1 of 7 from the field and 1 of 6 on 3s.

"I got a little winded, but I think everyone got a little winded," Lillard said. "I wasn't really thinking about if I was tired, it was just like I'm out here and I've got to do what I got to do."

Just getting back on the court this quickly was a major victory for Lillard, though.

The blood-clotting disorder usually keeps players out months, not weeks, something Rivers feared may happen after learning the ailment was more serious than the initial diagnoses.

Lillard even opted to take a little extra time to get his body back in shape for the rigors of the postseason.

Still, Rivers and Lillard said they would

both be monitoring his health during the game and Rivers told reporters before the game he would pull Lillard out if he noticed fatigue. But when the Bucks needed a late push to get within striking distance of evening the series, Rivers thought it was better to keep his nine-time All-Star on the court.

That led to some late-game jawing between Lillard and Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton as the Bucks lost for the fifth time in their last six postseason games against Indiana.

"Down the stretch I just kept him in, I used it sort of as conditioning," Rivers said. "He was exhausted and I saw that, and I thought just let him blow it because we've got two days to recover. That's basically why I kept him in."

Game 3 is Friday in Milwaukee, and the Bucks certainly could use Lillard's help — if he can be as effective as he was before being held out.

Lillard averaged 18.3 points, 9.3 assists and 5.5 rebounds while shooting 35.5% overall and 38.9% from 3-point range in four regular-season games against Indiana this season. In last year's first-round series, he averaged 31.3 points against the Pacers, who won the series 4-2.

Two-time league MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo missed all six of those games with a calf injury but scored 36 points and had 12 rebounds in Game 1 and followed that with 34 points, 18 rebounds and seven assists. It was the first playoff game Antetokounmpo and Lillard played together.

Now comes what could prove the harder part — protect their home court, clawing their way back into the series and avoiding a third straight first-round exit without knowing whether Lillard will be ready to play in Game 3.

"The biggest question for us is the recovery," Rivers said. "The trick is trying not to get him into that point of exhaustion because then it's hard to come back. So that's the trick we were doing tonight."

McCutchen Leads Pirates over LA

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Andrew McCutchen hit a three-run homer and the Pittsburgh Pirates had 18 hits for the first time in two years in a 9-3 win over the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night that stopped a three-game losing streak.

Bryan Reynolds and Isiah Kiner-Falefa each had three hits with two RBIs as the Pirates won the opener of a three-game series. The 18 hits were the Pirates' most since April 19, 2023, at Colorado, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Pirates starter Bailey Falter left after four innings with lower back tightness.

Chase Shugart (1-0) pitched two hitless innings with three strikeouts to win his first major league decision as the Pirates improved to 9-15.

Taylor Ward homered and Jo Adell had an RBI double for the Angels, who lost for the sixth time in eight games and

dropped back to .500 at 11-11.

José Soriano (2-3) allowed five runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings, one start after giving up a career-high 10 hits at Texas.

Pittsburgh took a 2-0 lead in the third inning on RBI singles from Joey Bart and Ke'Bryan Hayes. Ward hit his sixth home run in the bottom half and McCutchen hit his 321st homer in the bottom half for a 5-1 lead.

Falter struck out Kyren Paris to strand a runner at second base in the fourth, his final batter. McCutchen's 237th career home run with the Pirates moved him three behind Roberto Clemente for third place, Willie Stargell leads with 475, followed by Ralph Kiner with 301.

Pirates LHP Andrew Heaney (1-1, 2.13 ERA) starts tonight against his former team, which sends RHP Jack Kochanowicz (1-2, 6.20) to the mound.

Lakers Muscle Past Timberwolves, Even Series

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rui Hachimura got smacked in the face early in Game 2, and he headed to the Los Angeles Lakers' locker room with a bleeding nose. He was back on the court just one quarter later wearing a mask, which he discarded shortly afterward because it annoyed him.

The Lakers said they collectively got smacked in the mouth by the blowout loss to the Minnesota Timberwolves in their first-round series opener. Game 2 was all about their response — and LeBron James loved his team's tenacity.

Luka Doncic had 31 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists, and the Lakers fought back to even their series with Minnesota with a 94-85 victory Tuesday night.

"We looked at what we didn't do so well, which is a lot of things in Game 1," said James, who scored 21 points and made a key steal in the fourth quarter. "We took it to heart, held each other accountable and had a much better result."

Game 3 is Friday night in Minneapolis.

Austin Reaves added 16 for the

third-seeded Lakers, who jumped out to an early 22-point lead and hung on through a physical matchup with sixth-seeded Minnesota.

Los Angeles scored only 60 points in the final three quarters, but the Wolves never got closer than nine points. Coach JJ Redick was proud of his players' response — even if he had to unload on them in the fourth quarter during a profanity-laden timeout to maintain their focus down the stretch.

"I think tonight was just more about getting that urgency button switched back on," Redick said.

Julius Randle scored 27 points and Anthony Edwards had 25 for the Timberwolves, who lost most of their offensive fluidity from Game 1. Edwards said the Lakers' defensive adjustments made it "kind of hard" on him.

"The way that they're guarding us, when I catch the ball, they kind of go zone, and when I try to attack a gap, it's like three people," Edwards said. "I've just got to make my decisions a little quicker, and we'll be all right."

James added 11 rebounds and seven assists for the Lakers, who never lost control of a chippy, choppy game with 46 personal fouls and multiple video reviews. James and Hachimura



Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards (5) and Los Angeles Lakers guard Luka Doncic (77) interact in Los Angeles, Tuesday. (AP Photo/Eric Thayer)

both took hard shots to the face, and Hachimura donned a second mask after halftime.

The Wolves hit 21 3-pointers while blowing out the Lakers 117-95 in Game 1. Los Angeles went up by 19 in the first quarter of Game 2 while Doncic

exploited isolations on Rudy Gobert.

"We knew they would come with high intensity, with energy," Randle said. "We knew it was going to be physical. ... We were stagnant, missed open looks, missed layups. They were just in a rhythm."

Thunder Roll past Grizzlies to Take 2-0 Lead

By CLIFF BRUNT
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 27 points, and the Oklahoma City Thunder dominated the Memphis Grizzlies 118-99 on Tuesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Oklahoma City delivered a strong follow-up to its record-setting 131-80 win on Sunday in the series opener. Though Memphis was the team with something to prove, the Thunder came out with the energy. Oklahoma City opened with a 9-0 run and held Memphis scoreless for the first 3 1/2 minutes as the Grizzlies missed their first 10 shots.

The Thunder led 32-17 at the end of the first quarter and never trailed.

"We never underestimate our opponent, no matter what," Gilgeous-Alexander said. "Obviously they're a very good team. They wouldn't be here if they weren't. And we just wanted to make an emphasis to come out and win that first quarter, set the tone for the night."

Jalen Williams added 24 points and Chet Holmgren had 20 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks for the top-seeded Thunder.

Oklahoma City's offense produced, despite Gilgeous-Alexander making just 10 of 29 shots.

"Everybody that touched the court played with confidence, played the right way, and we're going to need that," Thunder coach Mark Daigneault said. "You know, in all these games,

it's going to be different guys on different nights."

The Thunder have won all six games against the Grizzlies this season by double digits.

Jaren Jackson Jr. scored 26 points and Ja Morant added 23 for Memphis, which will host Game 3 on Thursday.

Gilgeous-Alexander, who had been off for the first five quarters of the series, found his shot in the second quarter. He hit two 3-pointers 55 seconds apart to put Oklahoma City up 55-38. Oklahoma City led 70-52 at the break after setting a team playoff record with 12 3-pointers in the first half.

Memphis started hot in the third and cut its deficit to single digits, but the Thunder took a 90-79 lead into the fourth.

Maple Leafs Take 2-0 Lead in Battle of Ontario

TORONTO (AP) — Max Domi scored at 3:09 of overtime as the Toronto Maple Leafs survived a blown 2-0 lead to defeat the Ottawa Senators 3-2 and go up 2-0 in their first-round playoff series Tuesday night.

The winger moved into the offensive zone in the extra period and ripped his first of the post-season upstairs past Linus Ullmark.

"Unreal," Leafs centre John Tavares said. "Great for him, great for our team."

Tavares, with a goal and an assist, and Morgan Rielly provided the rest of the offense for Toronto. Anthony Stolarz made 26 saves.

"Just pure jubilation," Stolarz said of Domi's winner that set off wild celebrations inside and outside Scotiabank

Arena. "He's a hell of a teammate in the room, and to see someone like that get rewarded, hopefully it's the start of something big."

Brady Tkachuk and Adam Gaudette scored for Ottawa. Ullmark stopped 18 shots.

The best-of-seven Battle of Ontario now shifts to the nation's capital for Games 3 and 4 beginning Thursday at the Canadian Tire Centre.

The Leafs, who took Sunday's opener 6-2, lead a post-season series 2-0 for the first time since 2002.

In the playoffs for the first time in eight years following a long rebuild, the Senators limp home looking for answers.

"We're looking forward to getting home," Tkachuk said. "And honestly,

there's not one ounce of panic."

Toronto, which beat Ottawa four times in five postseason matchups in the early 2000s, is 10-0 all-time in series where the club wins the first two games at home, and has a two-game playoff edge for just the second time in 10 tries across the Auston Matthews-Mitch Marner era.

After scoring three quick-strike goals on the man advantage in Game 1 against an inexperienced and undisciplined opponent, Toronto capitalized 18 seconds into its first opportunity when Tavares sent a puck into the crease that deflected in off Ottawa defenseman Nick Jensen on the home side's fourth shot at 8:20.

Stolarz decked Senators forward Ridly Greig, who slid into the net-

minder late in Game 1, at the end of an Ottawa power play in the second on a sequence that resulted in coincidental minor penalties.

The series marks the first time in NHL history two Canadian teams with U.S.-born captains — Ottawa's Tkachuk and Toronto's Matthews — have met in the playoffs.

Leafs head coach Craig Berube, who won the Stanley Cup with the St. Louis Blues in 2019 and has been handed the reins of an organization looking to end decades of playoff misery, was asked pregame about his initial thoughts on the Battle of Ontario.

"There's some hatred there, for sure," the former NHL tough guy from Alberta said with a grin. "It's pretty good. I enjoy it."

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 Herrling 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 Herrling 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, or send a message on our Facebook page.

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter, "Alexa," is breaking my heart. She's engaged to a nice enough man she's been with for five years, but she has cast aside every single wedding tradition that's important to us.

Alexa won't wear an engagement ring because diamonds are "ugly" and not politically correct. She has refused to have either an engagement party or a bridal shower. Because they are forgoing a registry, my friends have no idea what to get them for wedding gifts. (Turns out, none of my friends are invited to the wedding -- only their friends and family.) She also refuses to have a bridal party, so her sisters are hurt because they wanted to be bridesmaids.

I was so looking forward to shopping with her for her bridal gown, but she doesn't want to wear one. (She bought a plain white dress instead.) Worst of all, her father can't walk her down the aisle because, in her words, she's not property to be given away. There will be no reception -- just champagne and wedding cake in the basement of the church. There's no wedding dinner, not even appetizers, and no wedding toasts. There won't be a first dance because there's no band.

I understand that she watched her younger sister turn into a bridezilla, but her sister did have a gorgeous wedding that we paid for. We're willing to pay for hers too, but she and her fiancé are refusing to do ANYTHING we want. They are both doctors and can pay for whatever they want. Her father is ready to stay home rather than be ignored,

and I'm not sure I want to be there either. How do we navigate this without alienating our daughter? -- RUINED WEDDING IN NEW YORK

DEAR RUINED WEDDING: You and your husband navigate this by reminding yourselves that Alexa's wedding is hers, not yours. You have already had two weddings -- your own and your younger daughter's. Comfort yourselves with the knowledge that you and your husband can spend the money you would have blown on this shindig on a luxury vacation for yourselves.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think about some relatives who asked to come and stay with us while they relocated to our state, and brought a handgun and ammunition into our home without our knowledge? We have a 7-year-old daughter! They don't think they did anything wrong and claim they were not obligated to inform us because it was locked and the ammunition was stored apart from it. -- THREATENED IN OREGON

DEAR THREATENED: From what you have written, your relatives practice gun safety. Their weapon is locked, and the ammunition is stored separately. I will assume that your child did not find or handle their weapon. That said, NO ONE has the "right" to bring a gun into someone else's home without their permission. If your relatives can't immediately find other lodging, they should check what the Oregon gun laws are and consider storing their weapon away from your house in the trunk of their vehicle.

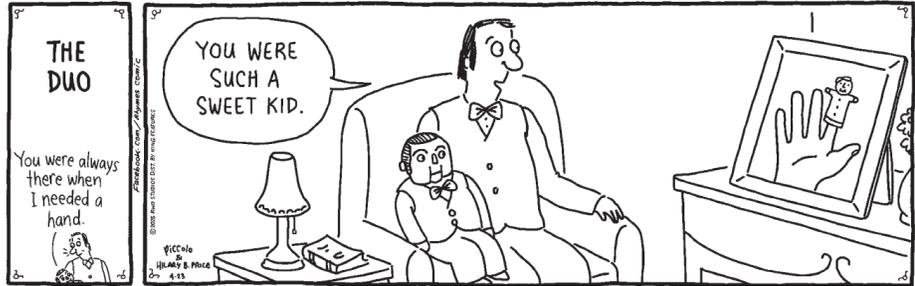
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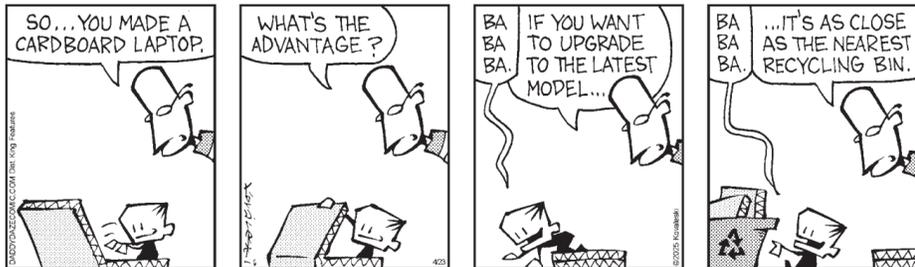
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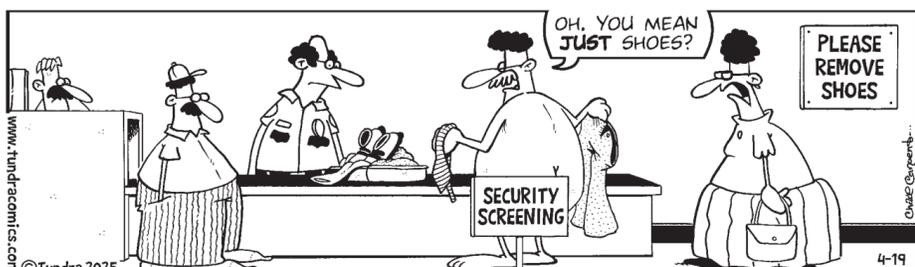
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SATURDAY'S CARTOON...



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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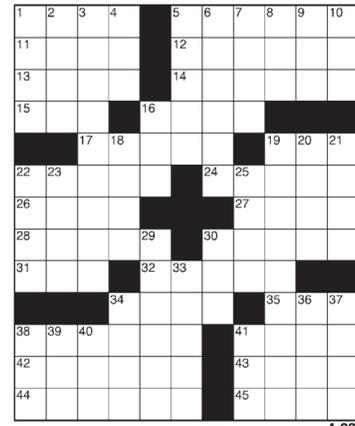
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- 21 Ready for customers
- 22 Monument Valley sight
- 23 Lofty poems
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- 29 Lower calf muscle
- 30 Piston connector
- 33 Piquant
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- 37 Orderly
- 38 Say further
- 39 Chestnut case
- 40 Previously
- 41 Tree flow



Yesterday's answer



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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CRYPTOQUOTE
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE DO NOT INHERIT THE EARTH FROM OUR ANCESTORS; WE BORROW IT FROM OUR CHILDREN. — NATIVE AMERICAN PROVERB

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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: WHAT NEXT?
What comes next in the series? (e.g., Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama, _____ Answer: Donald Trump (U.S. presidents).)

FRESHMAN LEVEL
1. J, F, M, A, ____
Answer: _____
2. Pacific, Mountain, Central, ____
Answer: _____
3. Triangle, quadrilateral, pentagon, ____
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL
4. Million, billion, trillion, ____
Answer: _____
5. O, T, T, F, ____
Answer: _____
6. British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, ____
Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. Species, genus, family, ____
Answer: _____
8. Gordon Brown, David Cameron, Theresa May, ____
Answer: _____
9. Alpha, beta, gamma, ____
Answer: _____

SCORING:
18 points -- congratulations, doctor;
15 to 17 points -- honors graduate;
10 to 14 points -- you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points -- you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points -- enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points -- who reads the questions to you?
ANSWERS: 1. M (months of the year); 2. Eastern (U.S. time zones west to east); 3. Hexagon (poly-gons); 4. Quadrillion (names of large numbers); 5. F (first letter of an provinces west to east); 7. Order (logical classification); 8. Bors (Johnson (U.K. prime ministers)); 9. Delta (Greek alphabet).

Sitka by the Stars

For Thursday, April 24, 2025
The power of innovation is spotlighted today as we're encouraged to tap into our creative minds. Since intuition will also be heightened, the timing is ideal for engaging in self-reflection or other meditative activities to harness our inner wisdom. Meanwhile, relationships are also emphasized as the cosmos call on us to foster lasting connections with others. Additionally, we can use the day for strengthening the bonds we have, as well as for helping people near and far. Today could also reveal the need for better boundaries within certain relationships.

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)
Create space in your schedule to enjoy some peaceful solitude. Use it to reignite your creativity.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)
Doing something kind on behalf of others is good for you, too.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)
You can lead by example by staying true to your ethics or core values.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)
You can be realistic while also holding space for the most positive outcome you desire.
- LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)
A joint venture or financial partnership could be successful in business or in love.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
If you don't have a support system for yourself, it's time to start building one.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You may need to scale back on how much you're doing to create more balance in your life.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Teaming up with others for creative purposes can lead to success. Romance looks promising, too!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
It's a good day for handling concerns related to your home or family life. A resolution is possible.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
If you need to have a serious conversation with someone, now's a good time. The day is also advantageous for business meetings and networking.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Be choosy about where you decide to spend your dollars.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
Self-approval is all the approval that you need right now. Give yourself the validation that you're seeking elsewhere.
FOR TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
You're affectionate, easy to get along with, and generous. You cherish strong, long-lasting bonds with others, and you take your time in building relationships. While you may pride yourself on your self-determination, you're learning that you flourish the most when you have a solid support system that you can call on when needed. You work hard so that you can get the chance to play hard. Being surrounded by beauty, nature, or anything else that pleases your senses is a must. This year, being surrounded by the love and support of your friends and community will also be a requisite.

Sudoku

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ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Difficulty: ★★

King Classic Sudoku

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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.



A survey marker near the end of Jarvis Street, pictured today, shows the corner of a half-acre lot where the Sitka Local Foods Network plans to create a community garden. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

Assembly . . .

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To develop a shared horticulture space. Hanson said he is traveling to Juneau on Thursday to attend an annual meeting of the Juneau Community Garden Association for advice “on what is actually involved in organizing the project.” The Juneau group has been operating their garden more than 20 years.

Hanson’s proposal describes how the community group will be modeled, and how it will develop the project with funding from grants and donations.

To begin, the Gardens group will rally significant volunteer efforts to clear and prepare the land, build small, temporary structures and erect a 6-foot-tall fence reinforced with three strands of electric fence wires to deter large predators.

Gardeners will work with volunteers and contractors over the course of about three years to level the site, design drainage, and develop a parking lot, a ten-foot by 16-foot garden shed, a 15-foot by 20-foot open-sided work shelter, and a single-stall unisex ADA-accessible restroom.

The group hopes to acquire donations of bulk garden materials including topsoil, compost, mulch and raised-bed framing lumber, and purchase materials as necessary, “to prepare a substantial number of plots for use beginning in spring of 2026.”

Hanson said some demonstration plots could be set up this summer, with “a lot more next summer.” Of the 45 ground-level plots planned for the Jarvis Street site, 43 or 44 have been spoken for by local gardeners.

“We’re ready to work on the project, on the ground,” Hanson said.

Energy . . .

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Trump has been dismissive of renewable energy and, in particular, hostile to wind energy for several years. He has claimed, without evidence, that wind turbines cause cancer, drastically depress property values and kill massive numbers of whales. His disdain for wind energy dates back at least to 2012, when he fought unsuccessfully against a wind farm off the coast of a golf course he owned in Scotland.

One of his Inauguration Day executive orders earlier this year halted federal funding and permitting for all wind projects, both offshore and onshore.

Wind energy has been important to rural Alaska communities, where diesel-fueled energy costs are extremely high.

Kotzebue, a mostly Inupiat community, is an example. The Northwest Arctic hub, home to about 3,000 people, has been using wind energy since the 1990s. The system has grown over the years, and by 2020, wind was supplying a fifth of annual local power needs, according to the Kotzebue Electric Association. That displaced the annual need for 250,000 to 300,000 gallons of diesel fuel each year, according to the utility.

The community has also been using solar energy since 2020, and it has a longer-term goal of using renewables for 50% of its power, according to the

utility.

Kotzebue, the Northwest Arctic Borough and several surrounding villages are among the communities with planned energy projects that have been paused because of Trump administration actions. Last year, during the Biden administration, the U.S. Department of Energy awarded \$58.4 million in grants to local governments and other entities in the region to develop more solar arrays, an energy-storing battery system, heat pumps and other projects.

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Aerial Show at Sitka Cirque

Friends of Sitka Circus Arts invites the public to its spring production “Magic, Morals, and Movement,” an evening of aerial artistry bringing to life fairy tales from around the world.

The performance features artists of all ages on a variety of aerial equipment. It will be April 26-27 and May 3-4 at Sitka Cirque Studio, 207 Smith Street. Saturday performances begin at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday’s at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for youths and seniors (no charge for under 6 years) and can be purchased at sitkacirque.com.

Veto . . .

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first. The Senate is currently considering revenue measures, including changes to the state’s oil tax and corporate taxes.

Hoffman said revenue measures could make a \$1,000 BSA increase affordable.

“If we truly say that education is our No. 1 priority, we should stand behind it fiscally,” he said.

Rep. Andrew Gray, D-Anchorage, spoke in support of overriding the veto to provide much-needed school funding.

“Year after year of flat funding is resulting in harm to our children. We are punishing them for the mistakes that we as a Legislature have made, and it is not fair,” he said.

Many lawmakers spoke of school districts facing severe budget deficits, staff and program cuts, and school closures.

“The consequences of underfunding are being felt deeply. A meaningful increase to the BSA would help prevent the devastating cuts our districts are now being forced to make,” said Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson, D-Anchorage, who supported the veto override. “Funding public education is not a game.”

Other lawmakers objected to the lack of education policy reforms in the bill, as Dunleavy pressed for during a news conference announcing the veto on Thursday.

“I’m objecting to forcing people to contribute more without any discussion of performance measures,” said Rep. Mike Prax, R-North Pole, who voted to sustain the veto.

Rep. Nellie Jimmie, D-Toksook Bay, spoke in support of overriding the veto, protecting the Permanent Fund dividend, and raising new state revenue.

“This bill is expensive, and it still isn’t enough. With the frozen funding and grants running dry, the future is uncertain, but we can’t build our future on deficit spending either,” she said. “We can’t take the PFD, which is often a matter of life and death in rural Alaska. When our savings run out of money, Alaska, lights go dark. It is time to stop hoping for high oil prices or more visitors on cruise ships who will save us. We are out of options. It is time to ask without fear, how will we pay for this? And it’s time to clearly say, we need to raise new revenues, and we shouldn’t be scared of that.”

During his speech against the override, Hoffman said that the state’s Constitutional Budget Reserve — the largest remaining state savings account — was not intended to pay for recurring expenses.

Rep. Andy Josephson, D-Anchorage and co-chair of the House Finance Committee, argued against Hoffman’s statement a few minutes later.

“There’s been esteemed members of the Legislature who’ve noted that this is an affordability question, and I don’t agree with that,” he said.

The House’s version of the operating budget — including a \$1,000 BSA increase — has a deficit of \$67 million, Josephson said. In contrast, the CBR has a balance of \$2.8 billion.

“That’s 2.4%. So I can’t go to my constituents and say, this is just unaffordable. Because it’s not. It’s just a question of will, that’s all,” Josephson said, arguing that savings can be used to pay for education.

The deficit in the House’s draft budget may be larger than Josephson stated, because it contains a cut whose constitutionality has been questioned, and it does not include deficits in the capital budget or the supplemental budget, two separate documents.

After more than an hour of speeches, members of the House and Senate voted 33-27 to sustain the governor’s veto of House Bill 69.

The override vote was almost identical to the votes on the original bill, which passed the House and Senate by a combined vote of 32-25.

Reps. Elxie Moore, R-Wasilla; Will Stapp, R-Fairbanks; and Mike Prax, R-North Pole, were absent from the original House vote and acted to sustain the veto. Sen. Donny Olson, D-Golovin, voted against the original bill but in favor of the override.

Afterward, he walked past reporters and did not answer questions about why he changed his vote.

The tally fell along caucus lines for members of the House, with members of the House’s bipartisan majority — two Republicans, five independents and 14 Democrats — voting to override and all 19 members of the House’s all-Republican minority voting to sustain.

Among members of the Senate, Sens. Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel, and Bert Stedman, R-Sitka, voted to sustain the veto alongside all six members of the Senate’s minority caucus. The remaining 12 members of the Senate’s bipartisan majority voted to override.

After the vote, the bill’s sponsor, Rep. Rebecca Himschoot, I-Sitka, spoke with reporters and expressed her disappointment with the Legislature’s failure to override the governor’s veto for the second year in a row.

“Previously, when we had the funds, we lacked the political will,” she said. “I believe that there is great political will at this point to try to do

something about how we’re funding our schools, or failing to fund our schools, and we lack the funds. So I think this outcome was somewhat predictable, but that doesn’t make it any less disappointing.”

In a statement on social media, Dunleavy thanked lawmakers for voting to sustain his veto.

“Their action shows a clear understanding of our fiscal situation and the fact that the bill had zero policy to create a better educational outcome for our students,” he wrote.

He added that legislators now have “a clear path” to consider an alternative bill he proposed on Friday.

The governor’s bill includes a smaller funding increase and policy provisions he prefers.

“We’ve got 30 days to get the job done. Let’s finish it. We can do this,” said Senate Minority Leader Mike Shower, R-Wasilla.

Members of the House minority also offered comments in support of the governor’s alternative.

“We still have a lot of airstrip left,” said Rep. Bill Elam, R-Nikiski and a vote to sustain the veto. “We haven’t completely landed all of this. We can continue. We have some opportunities.”

But Sen. Bill Wielechowski, D-Anchorage and the Senate majority’s lead negotiator with the governor, said that at least some of the governor’s ideas are nonstarters.

Speaking to reporters, he offered an example: a section of the bill that would allow first-come, first-served open enrollment at public schools. That doesn’t make sense, Wielechowski said, because it could keep local students from enrolling at the school closest to them.

More broadly and significantly, Wielechowski said there appears to be a fundamental disagreement in multiple sections of the bill about the amount of control the executive branch should have over local schools.

“I don’t know how we can get over that,” he said.

Last week, Speaker of the House Bryce Edgmon, I-Dillingham, told reporters that in his view, it’s significant that school districts are not requesting the kinds of policy changes that the governor is seeking.

“There are some things in there that we can coalesce around, but we still have a ways to go and be able to reconcile policy differences,” he said.

If the failed override does mean no permanent funding increase this year, a one-year funding bonus remains possible. The House’s draft operating budget includes a one-time, \$253 million funding bonus equivalent to the vetoed formula.

That would be \$79 million more than last year’s budget, which contained a \$174 million one-time bonus, but the House’s proposed amount is subject to approval by the Senate and Dunleavy, who has line-item veto power. Senate budget leaders have said they plan to pass a budget without a deficit.

In a news conference last week, the governor said that if lawmakers present a deficit-free budget with one-time funding, he’d be willing to discuss the issue.

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How Senators voted

In favor:
Jesse Bjorkman, R-Nikiski
Matt Claman, D-Anchorage
Forrest Dunbar, D-Anchorage
Cathy Giessel, R-Anchorage
Elvi Gray-Jackson, D-Anchorage
Scott Kawasaki, D-Fairbanks
Jesse Kiehl, D-Juneau
Kelly Merrick, R-Eagle River
Donny Olson, D-Golovin
Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak
Loki Tobin, D-Anchorage
Bill Wielechowski, D-Anchorage

Against:
Mike Cronk, R-Tok
Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel
Shelley Hughes, R-Palmer
James Kaufman, R-Anchorage
Robert Myers, R-North Pole
Mike Shower, R-Wasilla
Bert Stedman, R-Sitka
Robert Yundt, R-Wasilla

How representatives voted

In favor:
Robyn Niayuq Burke, D-Utqiagvik
Ashley Carrick, D-Fairbanks
Maxine Dibert, D-Fairbanks
Bryce Edgmon, I-Dillingham
Ted Eischeid, D-Anchorage
Zack Fields, D-Anchorage
Neal Foster, D-Nome
Alyse Galvin, I-Anchorage
Andrew Gray, D-Anchorage
Carolyn Hall, D-Anchorage
Sara Hannan, D-Juneau
Rebecca Himschoot, I-Sitka
Ky Holland, I-Anchorage
Nellie Unangiq Jimmie, D-Toksook Bay
Andy Josephson, D-Anchorage
Chuck Kopp, R-Anchorage
Donna Mears, D-Anchorage
Genevieve Mina, D-Anchorage
Calvin Schrage, I-Anchorage
Andi Story, D-Juneau
Louise Stutes, R-Kodiak

Against:
Jamie Allard, R-Eagle River
Jeremy Bynum, R-Ketchikan
Mia Costello, R-Anchorage
Julie Coulombe, R-Anchorage
Bill Elam, R-Nikiski
DeLena Johnson, R-Palmer
Kevin McCabe, R-Big Lake
Elxie Moore, R-Wasilla
David Nelson, R-Anchorage
Mike Prax, R-North Pole
George Rauscher, R-Sutton
Justin Ruffridge, R-Soldotna
Dan Saddler, R-Eagle River
Rebecca Schwanke, R-Glennallen
Will Stapp, R-Fairbanks
Cathy Tilton, R-Wasilla
Frank Tomaszewski, R-Fairbanks
Jubilee Underwood, R-Wasilla
Sarah Vance, R-Homer

Trump Says Zelenskyy Is Prolonging the War

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — President Donald Trump today lashed out at Ukraine’s president, saying Volodymyr Zelenskyy is prolonging the “killing field” after pushing back on ceding Crimea to Russia as part of a potential peace plan.

Zelenskyy on Tuesday ruled out ceding territory to Russia in any deal before talks set for today in London among U.S., European and Ukrainian officials. “There is nothing to talk about. It is our land, the land of the Ukrainian people,” Zelenskyy said.

During similar talks last week in Paris, U.S. officials presented a proposal that included allowing Russia to keep control of occupied Ukrainian territory as part of a deal, according to a European official familiar with the matter who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. **Trump called Zelenskyy’s pushback “very harmful” to talks.**

“Nobody is asking Zelenskyy to recognize Crimea as Russian Territory but, if he wants Crimea, why didn’t they fight for it eleven years ago when it was handed over to Russia without a shot being fired?” he wrote on social media.

Russia annexed Crimea in 2014 after sending troops to overrun it. Weeks later, Moscow-backed separatists launched an uprising in eastern Ukraine, battling Kyiv’s forces.

Trump also asserted they were close to a deal and that Ukraine’s leader can have peace or “he can fight for another three years before losing the whole Country,” adding that Zelenskyy’s statement “will do nothing but prolong the ‘killing field,’ and nobody wants that!”

“A very fair proposal”
Today’s meeting was pared back at the last minute, while Vice President JD Vance said negotiations are reaching a moment of truth.

Voting . . .

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Applications to vote by fax or email are due on May 28. People using this option will waive some of their ballot privacy rights. Fax or email votes must be returned by May 30, and email votes must be completed by using a printer and a scanning device.

On election day polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Centennial Hall.

Peterson said people can register online with the Division of Elections, or stop by city clerk’s office by 5 p.m. Monday with identification to get assistance filling out a state registration form. Sitka Public Library also is offering assistance with voter registration.

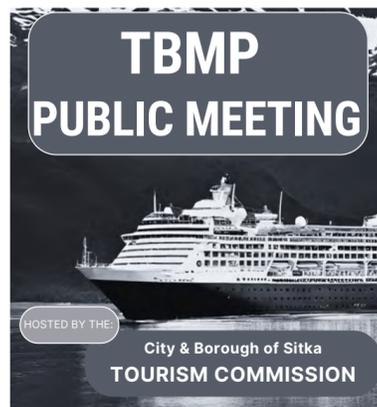
The May 28 special election is on a citizen initiative to limit cruise tourism in Sitka.

Edgecumbe . . .

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During the pandemic, the school received additional federal funding through COVID-19 relief programs, which has since expired. As a result, MEHS is adjusting to pre-pandemic staffing levels while maintaining a strong focus on student success,” Bishop wrote.

About three-quarters of Mt. Edgecumbe’s annual budget comes through the state. In February, Huntington delivered a budget proposal to the state board of education, which oversees school operations, in which she proposed cutting about half of the high school’s staff. Her proposal assumed flat state funding with a base student allocation amount of \$5,960. Though the Legislature passed a boost to that funding a month ago, Gov. Dunleavy vetoed the additional funding earlier this month, and the attempted legislative override failed.



Please join us to review and give feedback on the draft TBMP guidelines before they are implemented in this summer’s pilot of the program. There will be opening comments at 6:00, and members of the public will be able to give their feedback on the draft guidelines through a written survey or by leaving comments with Commissioners present at the meeting. Commission members will be available throughout the session to give additional information to anyone who missed the opening comments.

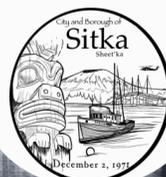
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