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Mt. Edgecumbe High School junior Jubilee Lewis is all smiles as she and other Yup'ik Dancers take the stage at the BJ McGillis Gym to teach the "friendship" dance to members of high school student governments from Alaska School Activities Association. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

## **Student Convention Petitions for State Aid**

**ANNA LAFFREY** Sentinel Staff Writer

High schoolers from across Alaska reported to Sitka High School at 7:15 a.m. today for the second of a threeday conference of the Alaska Association of Student Governments.

The 250 students attending the statewide conference met in the Sitka High gym this morning and unanimously passed a resolution urging the Legislature to enact an increase of at least \$1,000 to the Base Student Allocation, "and implement an annual inflation-based adjustment mechanism with its structure determined by the state to ensure stable and predictable public education funding across Alaska.

Anchorage-area student Stephen Gibson introduced the resolution, which states that Alaska schools rely on the BSA as their primary funding source but the Anchorage School District projects a \$23 million budget

deficit for fiscal year 2026. In the floor debate, Sitka High School student Reagan Wingard noted that the \$1,000 in the resolution is the same as the BSA increase in House Bill 69, which legislators approved this month, but which Gov. Mike Dunleavy vetoed on April 17.

Wingard said HB 69 didn't include any adjustment for inflation, and "legislators have shown that they are not willing to inflation-proof the BSA because they do not know how much money they will have in the future." Sitka's AASG representatives back

the resolution, which offers a "supportive funding plan, even if legislators have shown their opinion" regarding inflation adjustments, Wingard said.

The resolution states that it is to be transmitted to the Legislature; the governor's office; the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development; and all Alaska school boards for "general advocacy and formal consideration on behalf of AASG.'

The AASG general assembly passed two other resolutions this

morning, one related to Kodiak School District library staffing, and the other about school bus access for charter schools in the Fairbanks area. A fourth resolution on Anchorage School District choir program funding was tabled as students dispersed for

mid-morning field trips.

An executive board elected by the students presided at the general assembly, which was conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

While voicing their positions on resolutions or presenting points of information, delegates were recognized by the school they were representing. They held large signs bearing the names of the dozens of public and charter school in communities throughout the state, including Ketchikan, Haines, Unalaska, King Cove, Sand Point, Utqiagvik, Kotzebue, Tok, Delta Junction, Healy, Valdez and the greater Fairbanks and Anchorage areas.

Between motions and floor debates, students led cheers for their schools

or regions, and stomped their feet in shows of support.
Energy filled the gym, with students

sporting festive garb including pink cowboy hats, blue tutus, headbands with antennas and blinking lights and novelty sunglasses. Signs were decorated with tinsel and LED lights.

The three-day AASG conference opened with ceremonies Thursday night at the Mt. Edgecumbe High gym. The conference itinerary includes local tours, workshops, meetings, and teleconferences with U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski and State Rep. Rebecca Himschoot. Also scheduled are election of AASG's executive board members, and social activities includ-

ing a dance in the SHS gym tonight. The general sessions are alternating between the Sitka and Mt. Edgecumbe gyms, where the delegates also

are sleeping.
Reagan Wingard of SHS and Lila Moses of Mt. Edgecumbe led organiz-**Continued on Back Page** 

## Revised Budget Shows No Loss of Teachers

GARLAND KENNEDY

Sentinel Staff Writer
With the deadline for the School District to hand the city a balanced budget only days away, the School Board Wednesday discussed changes that would prevent the reduction of

teaching staff that was considered at a work session last week. The version of the budget the board took up at Wednesday's work session assumes there will be an increase of at least \$680 per student in state funding.

The Legislature passed a \$1,000 permanent increase but this week failed to override the governor's veto. Since then, the governor has proposed a \$560 BSA increase, and a legislative alternative with a \$700 increase is being considered in the Senate Finance Committee.

Board president Phil Burdick noted the fiscal situation will be uncertain until legislators and the governor arrive at an agreement, but said he's encouraged by the Senate commit-tee's adding the BSA to a bill on cell phones in schools.

"They attached a \$700 BSA increase and 10 percent increase to transportation to that bill, which is super interesting to me, because (Sens. Lyman Hoffman and Bert Stedman) lead that committee, and they both voted no for the \$1,000. So they must have, I mean, they obviously knew that they were going to add the \$700 onto this cell phone bill... It's such a moving target," Burdick said.

Only a week ago the School Board held a work session on a draft budget that would cut two teaching positions at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary and another two at Xoots

Wednesday's draft budget preserved those jobs without drawing down reserves. It calls for a smaller than anticipated health insurance increase and eliminates duplicated contracts left in budgets in prior years.

Superintendent Deidre Jenson summarized some of the changes to the board.

"We put the nurse back to full time, we put the data manager back and all the teaching staff except for the halftime intervention at Blatchley because we lost grant funding," she said.

Though the amount of funding to be expected from the state isn't known, Jenson advised the board to proceed with a budget designed around a \$680 boost in funding – the amount Alaskan school districts received last year as one-time funding – and revise the budget later if needed. With the \$680 figure proposed by Jenson there would be \$750,000 in reserves.

Board member Tom Williams recommended that the district have a backup plan prepared in the event of a \$560 BSA increase instead of the hypothetical \$680.

"We all know we're holding our breath all the way to the end of the month, but if it were me, I'd have a shadow budget with the \$560 in it ...to

give yourselves an idea of how much of an impact that would be, so that when we have to come back, whatever that amount is, those line items have al-

ready been identified," Williams said.
With the \$680 figure the budget makes no cuts to elementary special courses, or electives in high schools and adds \$70,000 for curriculum work and \$20,000 for technology – both line items which would have seen cuts in last week's draft.

After months of work to ensure each line item is accurate, Jenson believes her latest version of the budget is very close to reality. In recent years, the district has ended each fiscal year with an unexpectedly large fund balance, which was then rolled over to

help fill gaps in the next year's funding.
The budget approved last year cut 18 teaching positions – saving a little under \$2 million in the fiscal year 2025 budget that came to about \$22.1 million. The proposed FY26 budget is just under \$23.8 million.

Because Wednesday's meeting was a work session, the board deliberated but took no action and did not vote.

Other budget items One line item cut from the budget was a proposed \$2,000 stipend for School Board members. It would have been a first for a school board, and was quickly shot down.

"Do you think we should get stipends? Just read the room. I think it's enough, no... Take out our stipends and put it towards librarians," Phil Burdick said. That move will save the district the \$10,000 total for the five board members.

The board also discussed restoring librarian positions, but no decision was made

The possible costs for a librarian range widely, Jenson noted, from a bit over \$16,000 for part time staff to \$155,000 for certified full time staff.

"We should be definitely focus-ing on having some sort of library services... What that looks like? I'm not sure. I can't speak to what this would reflect," board member Paul Rioux said.

School libraries are open, Jenson noted, but there are no librarian positions.

Keet Gooshi Heen music teacher Susan Brandt-Ferguson spoke at the work session, urging the board to use the fund balance to save all teaching

"Don't hesitate to spend that money that we have for next year," Brandt-Ferguson said. "It's only for next year. We are not a group that gets to save money, In fact, the state slaps you on the hand when you save too much. So the worst case, we have to cut next year, but don't cut this year so that we can avoid cutting; use the fund balance."

The board plans to meet again at 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday in the Sitka High library to vote on adoption of a budget, which must be submitted to the city no later than May 1.

## Senators' Budget Plan Has Cuts, Still a Deficit

By JAMES BROOKS Alaska Beacon

A powerful Alaska Senate committee is considering a draft of Alaska's state operating budget that would cut more than \$200 million from a version adopted earlier this month by the state House.

The Senate Finance Committee unveiled the first draft of its operating budget proposal during a Thursday morning meeting in the Capitol at Juneau.

The biggest item on the committee's chopping block was a significant public school funding increase. The House voted for an \$81 million bump

THERE SHE BLOWS - Sitkans watch gray whales

feed near shore in the 2500 block of Halibut Point

Road Sunday. In recent years, mariners have noticed

in K-12 public school funding above what lawmakers and Gov. Mike Dunmittee in charge of writing its draft leavy approved last year.

That increase is gone in the Senate's budget, as is almost every other budget addition proposed by the House. Dunleavy proposed budget increases as well — for state troopers, health care and additional staff in various state departments — and almost all of those were eliminated, too.

"Those were eliminated from the budget, along with the request that the governor had for all other increments, because of our financial condition," said Sen. Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel

budget for state services and programs. Despite cuts, notable

deficit remains

Even with the Senate's cuts, preliminary figures show that the operating budget - when combined with other budget bills — still contains a deficit of between \$70 million and \$140 million.

That figure will almost certainly change, because some costs — particularly labor contracts - have not yet been determined.

"We are still in deficit mode. There is still work that needs to be done

ka. Roughly 150 to 200 gray whales appeared in the

Sound last spring. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

on this budget to have it balance," Hoffman said.

The bipartisan majority in charge of the state Senate has vowed to write a balanced budget that does not require spending from savings. The document revealed Thursday

keeps to that pledge. Unlike the House version of the budget, there's no section unlocking the Constitutional Budget Reserve, the \$2.8 billion fund that is the state's largest savings account. The committee's proposal keeps a

roughly \$1,400 Permanent Fund dividend approved by the House; at \$950 million, that is the third-largest item in the budget, behind education and health spending, respectively.

Among the committee's few additions are additions to the state's wildfire-response and disaster-response funds. These additions would bring the funds up to the amount needed to pay for average annual expenses

#### over the past five years. Cuts to child care and corrections proposals

The committee's proposed elimination of House-adopted increases are much more significant.

Among them: Permanently closing part of Spring Creek prison to save \$7.5 million per year, eliminating double-overtime pay for some prison guards to save \$6 million per year, cutting teacher recruitment programs to save \$1 million per year, reversing a funding increase for Parents as Teachers and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, eliminating grants to child advocacy centers to save \$5.5 million, and eliminating more than \$13 million intended to improve access to child care.

Funding increases proposed by the House for senior services were eliminated, as was money for athletics programs and research facilities at the University of Alaska Anchorage and University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Hoffman noted that no action taken by the finance committee is final. The **Continued on Back Page** 

## **Senate Panel Addresses Revised Education Bill**

By CORINNE SMITH and JAMES BROOKS Alaska Beacon

With school funding still uncertain, and less than a month to go in the Alaska legislative session, the Senate Finance Committee on Thursday advanced a reworked bill that would increase the base of the state's funding formula by \$700 per student.

Members of the committee also included some policy proposals suggested by Gov. Mike Dunleavy last week. Members of the committee said it's an effort to compromise with the governor after he vetoed a larger education funding bill last week.

The committee passed House Bill 57 after amending it on Thursday to allow charter school planners to apply for approval at any time of year, require school districts to simplify processes for charter renewals, and establish a new state task force on education funding. It would also direct the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to gather data on students post-graduation.

Dunleavy has signaled a hard line in the education policy changes he favors as a precondition for increasing the base student allocation, core of the state's per-pupil funding formula.

Dunleavy's office declined to comment on the added policies and amended bill that passed the committee, saying, "the governor's statement issued yesterday still stands."

Dunleavy shared a statement on social media on Wednesday criticizing the bill as lacking policies that he wants. "We agree that more money is needed, but without policy, we won't see better outcomes. Policy that ensures reading gains, expanded enrollment options, and true accountability is essential. Reforms need to be in the bill for my support," he said.

But lawmakers see the reworked bill as a step in negotiations and finding a compromise.

'This proposal isn't the final word. but it's a serious step toward addressing the challenges in our education system. It reflects a willingness to engage, to put forward ideas, and to keep moving the conversation toward meaningful solutions," said Senate President Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak, in a statement announcing the amended bill. "We may not all agree on every piece, but we all recognize the need to act — and this bill is part of that ongoing effort."

The amended bill also calls for a 10% increase to per-pupil transportation funding, which Sen. Lyman Hoffman, D-Bethel, and co-chair of the Senate Finance Committee, said was

"We need to get this funding into classrooms now — our students can't wait," he said.

Sen. Bill Wielechowski, D-Anchorage and chair of the Senate Rules Committee, said the plan is for the bill to be introduced to the full Senate on Friday, with amendments and a final vote on Monday.

for approval.

From there, it would go to the House

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#### Letters to the Editor

#### **BHV Auction**

**Dear Editor:** Before I ever worked for Brave Heart Volunteers, I was simply a volunteer with a deck of cards and time to share. One of my most meaningful visits was with a woman in her final days. She loved playing cards – so that's what we did. Hand after hand, we played. She laughed at my terrible luck. We sat in the quiet between turns. There wasn't much to say, but there didn't need to be. It was about presence. About showing up. She passed not long after, and I still carry those afternoons with me.

That's the heart of our work at Brave Heart.

We walk alongside those facing loneliness, loss, and the end of life. We offer comfort where there is pain. Company where there might be loneliness. And we do it all free of charge - because everyone deserves dignity, especially in their

Right now, our Alaska Getaways Auction is live - an invitation to explore the beauty of our state while supporting the quiet, essential work we do. From seaplane adventures to dream cruises, these are one-of-a-kind experiences that let you save on travel and make a difference.

This auction wouldn't be possible without the incredible generosity of local businesses and tour operators who donated these getaways. Their support helps us care for our community's most vulnerable, and we are so grateful for their partnership.

If you can, please bid. And just as importantly - share this with friends and family who've dreamed of visiting Alaska. It's a meaningful way to explore our state while helping us show up for those who need it most.

The auction closes on April 27 at 7:00 PM AKDT! Visit braveheartvolunteers. org to find the link, or go directly to 32auctions.com/BraveHeartGetaways to explore the items and start bidding.
With gratitude,

Jason Own, Executive Director Brave Heart Volunteers

not necessarily return emissions to

pre-pandemic levels. The initiative

doesn't address independent tour-

ists coming by plane. However, 7-day

greenhouse gas emissions from Alaska

cruise passengers exceed those coming

by plane from Seattle, including their

lodging, food, and transport which bet-

Economic prosperity determines if and how people travel. The worrisome

economic and international impacts

of tariffs may decrease cruise volume

anyway. As a high emitting country

that continues to lead global tourism

emissions, the United States has an

obligation to reduce tourist travel de-

mand. Our impact on global warm-

ing is already influencing patterns of

tourist demand for countries that are

disproportionately affected by climate

change through heat waves, fire smoke,

sea level rise and reduced snow in win-

ter sport destinations. In Sitka, tourism-related green-

house gas emissions that could be

lowered include those caused by ships

burning fossil fuel when docked and in

diesel-powered land transport. Howev-

er, we don't have adequate electricity

transmission lines out Halibut Point

Road to the deep water docks for cruise

ships and/or buses to plug in. The cost

of upgrading transmission lines would

be millions of dollars. The amount of

electricity needed to support cruise

ships and electric buses bringing

thousands of passenger per day, even

exceeding our population some days,

would be overwhelming. Use of our

hydropower should be prioritized to

lower the rising cost of living in Sitka

with electrification of building heating

**Big Tech Gives** 

Wall St. A Push

NEW YORK (AP) - Big Tech

stocks carried Wall Street today to the

close of a winning, roller-coaster week,

one that saw markets swing from fear

to relief and back to caution because of

some more to a big three-day rally, and

it's back within 10.1% of its record set

earlier this year. Spurts for Nvidia and

other influential tech stocks sent the

Nasdaq composite up a market-leading

trading on Wall Street, where more

stocks fell within the S&P 500 than

rose, and the Dow Jones Industrial Av-

erage added only a modest 20 points,

trading after Google's parent company

reported late Thursday that its profit

soared 50% in the beginning of 2025

from a year earlier, more than analysts

expected.

Alphabet climbed 1.7% in its first

But they masked a mixed day of

The S&P 500 rose 0.7% to add

President Donald Trump's trade war.

Kay Kreiss, Transition Sitka

and resident land transport.

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## Climate CONNECTION

Connecting to the issues, the solutions and each other - a collaborative effort by Sitkans concerned about climate change.

#### **Global Tourism Emissions**

Tourism generates 8.8% of global greenhouse gas emissions. In the 10 years before the pandemic, tourism emissions grew at 3.5% per year, twice as fast as the emissions growth rate for the global economy. The United States was the country with the greatest amount of tourism-related emissions, both from having the most residents participating in tourism and the most emissions as a tourist destination.

Although increasing technology and supply chain efficiency over the ten years tended to lower emissions, these factors haven't matched the increase in the demand for tourism and contributors to emissions such as air travel and vehicular emissions. Of the top 20 countries contributing to tourist emissions, there is a 100-fold difference in emissions, largely because of per capita income levels. In low-income countries, few individuals have the money to be tourists, in contrast to high income countries like the United States. International scientists and United Nations agencies advise that the only feasible way to lower tourist greenhouse gas emissions is to decrease the number of tourists. This is critical if the world has any chance to meet the 2015 Paris Accords to keep global warming below 2 degrees C. Growth in tourist demand can't be feasibly decoupled from increasing emissions. To meet the Paris Agreement of a 1.5-degree target, tourism needs to be cut in half by 2030 and more than

10% annually until 2050. What does this mean in Sitka? The voter initiative to cap cruise tourist numbers at 300,000 per season is in line with halving our tourist volume by 2027. It would reduce Sitka-bound tourism emissions significantly, but

#### Sitka Yesterday

#### 20 YEARS AGO **April 2005**

Photo caption: Chuck Johnson, Tori Fleming and Henry Louie hold containers of food to be used to make care packages to send to Sitka Army National Guard soldiers serving in Iraq. The food, donated by city workers, was gathered at the city office building.

#### **50 YEARS AGO April 1975**

The Mt. Edgecumbe-Sitka Lions Club met at Revard's Wednesday and elected Frank O. Williams Jr. as president, Joseph Peterson first vice president, Joe Mennick second vice president, Alfred Apodruk secretary, Frank Brusatto treasurer, and Fred Geeslin and Peter J. Karras board directors.

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Students march at Arizona State University in protest of ASU's chapter of College Republicans United-led event encouraging students to report "their criminal classmates to ICE for deportations," Jan. 31, 2025, in Tempe, Ariz. (AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin, File)

### **ICE Restores Status Of International Students**

**Associated Press** 

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) U.S. government is reversing the termination of legal status for international students around the country after many filed court challenges against the Trump administration crackdown, federal officials said today.

The records in a federal student database maintained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement had been terminated in recent weeks. Judges across the U.S. had already issued orders temporarily restoring students' records in dozens of lawsuits challenging the terminations.

More than 1,200 students nationwide suddenly lost their legal status or had visas revoked, leaving them at risk for deportation. Many said they had only minor infractions on their record or did not know why they were targeted. Some left the country while others have gone into hiding or stopped going to class.

#### Government says it will restore student status

In one of the lawsuits, Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Kurlan read a statement in federal court in Oakland, California, saying ICE was restoring the student status for people whose records were terminated in recent weeks. A similar statement was read by a government attorney in a separate case in Washington, said lawyer Brian Green, who represents the plaintiff in that case. Green provided The Associated Press with a copy of the statement that the government lawyer emailed to him.

It says: "ICE is developing a poliy that will provide a framework for SEVIS record terminations. Until such a policy is issued, the SEVIS records for plaintiff(s) in this case (and other similarly situated plaintiffs) will remain Active or shall be re-activated if not currently active and ICE will not modify the record solely based on the NCIC finding that resulted in the recent SEVIS record termination."

SEVIS is the Student and Exchange Visitor Information Systems database that tracks international students' compliance with their visa status. NCIC is the National Crime Information Center, a database of criminal justice information maintained by the FBI.

Tricia McLaughlin, an assistant Homeland Security secretary, said ICE had not reversed course on any visa revocations but did "restore SEVIS access for people who had not had their visa revoked."

Greg Chen, with the American Im-

By JANIE HAR, KATE BRUMBACK migration Lawyers Association, said some uncertainty remained: "It is still unclear whether ICE will restore status to everyone it has targeted and whether the State Department will help students whose visas were wrongly revoked."

Legal fights may not be over Green, who is involved in lawsuits on behalf of several dozen students, said his cases only sought restoration of the student status and that he would be withdrawing them as a result of the

statement today from ICE. But lawyers in the Oakland case are seeking a nationwide order from the court prohibiting the government from arresting or incarcerating students, transferring them to places outside their district or preventing them from continuing work or studies.

Pam Johann, a government lawyer, said it was premature to consider anything like that given that ICE was in the process of reactivating records and developing a policy. "We should take a pause while ICE is implementing this change that plaintiffs are seeking right now, on its own," she said.

But U.S. District Judge Jeffrey S. White asked her to humor the court.

"It seems like with this administration there's a new world order every single day," he said. "It's like whack-

#### He ordered the government to clarify the new policy.

Visa revocations and student status terminations caused confusion

Last month, Secretary of State Marco Rubio said his department was revoking visas held by people acting counter to national interests, including some who protested Israel's war in Gaza and those who face criminal charges. But many students whose status was terminated said they did not fall under those categories.

A survey by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs research found that even the visa revocations for students who participated in pro-Palestinian protests are more unpopular than popular. About half of U.S. adults oppose this policy, and only 3 in 10 are in support. Among college educated adults, 6 in 10 strongly oppose, compared with 4 in 10 who aren't college graduates.

In lawsuits, students argued they were denied due process. Many were told that their status was terminated as a result of a criminal records check or that their visa had been revoked.

International students and their schools were caught off guard by the terminations of the students' records.

tention Center in Miami on the edge of the Florida Everglades, a palpable fear of an uprising set in among its staff. As President Donald Trump sought to make good on his campaign pledge

By JOSHUA GOODMAN and GISELA SALOMON

**Associated Press** 

migrants crowded into the Krome De-

MIAMI (AP) — As hundreds of

of mass arrests and removals of migrants, Krome, the United States' oldest immigration detention facility and one with a long history of abuse, saw its prisoner population recently swell to nearly three times its capacity of

"There are 1,700 people here at Krome!!!!," one U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement employee texted a co-worker last month, adding that even though it felt unsafe to walk around the facility nobody was willing to speak out.

That tension comes amid a battle in federal courts over whether the president's immigration crackdown has gone too far, too fast at the expense of fundamental rights.

At Krome, reports have poured in about a lack of water and food, unsanitary confinement and medical neglect. With the surge of complaints, the Frump administration shut down three Department of Homeland Security oversight offices charged with investigating such claims.

A copy of the text exchange was shared with The Associated Press by a federal employee on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation. Other documents include detainee complaints as well as an account of the arrival of 40 women at Krome, an allmale facility, in possible violation of a federal law to reduce the risk of prison

Nationwide, detentions have surged to nearly 48,000 as of March 23, a 21% increase from the already elevated levels at the end of the Biden administra-

To address the shortage of capacity, ICE this month published a request for bids to operate detention centers for up to \$45 billion as it seeks to expand to 100,000 beds from its current budget for about 41,000. As part of the buildout, the federal government, for the first time, is looking to hold migrants on U.S. Army bases.

By some measures, Trump's controversial approach is working. Barely 11,000 migrants were encountered at the U.S.-Mexican border in March. their lowest level in at least a decade and down from 96,035 in December 2024, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Krome is just one of five facilities that ICE directly runs and can house detainees for more than 16 hours. The vast majority of bed space is leased from local prisons, jails or privately-run facilities that have strict limits on how many detainees they are contractually obligated to accept

As its concrete cellblocks began filling up, federal workers started documenting the worsening conditions in weekly reports for DHS leadership. They worked their way up the chain through DHS' Office of Immigration & Detention Ombudsman, an independent watchdog established by Congress during the first Trump administration.

In mid-March, the office's 100 staffers — including a case manager at Krome — were placed on administrative leave.

"Rather than supporting law enforcement efforts, they often function as internal adversaries that slow down operations," DHS spokeswoman Tricia McLaughlin said at the time.

**Migrant Abuse Reported** 

At Fla. Detention Center

Around the same time, Krome's chaos spilled into public view. Images secretly shot on a cellphone and posted on TikTok showed a group of men sleeping on concrete floors and under tables with little more than their shoes as pillows.

We are practically kidnapped," Osiris Vazquez, his eyes bloodshot due to a lack of sleep, said in the grainy video, which garnered 4.4 million views. "We don't want likes. We want help. Please!"

Vazquez said he shared a small room for two weeks with some 80 men. Showers and phone calls weren't allowed, the fetid-smelling bathrooms were left unattended and food was restricted to peanut butter sandwiches.

'You lost all notion of time, whether it's day or night," recalled Vazquez in an interview after self-deporting to his native Mexico.

It could've been worse. Since Trump returned to the White House, three detainees have died in ICE custody — two of them at Krome.

The latest, Maksym Chernyak, died after complaining to his wife about overcrowding and freezing conditions. The 44-year-old Ukrainian entered the U.S. last year under a humanitarian program for people fleeing the country's war with Russia.

He was sent to Krome after an arrest for domestic violence and got sick with a chest cold. After being monitored for a week with high blood pressure, on Feb. 18, at 2:33 a.m., he was taken to a hospital for seizure-like vomiting. Two days later, he died.

Other than acetaminophen, he received no medication to treat his blood pressure, according to a two-page ICE report about Chernyak's death. Chernyak's widow said that before her husband's detention, he was a "strong, healthy man." Without a translator, she said, her husband struggled to communicate.

"They saw his condition, but they ignored him," said Oksana Tarasiuk in an interview. "If he wasn't put in Krome, I'm sure that he would still be

ICE, in a statement, didn't comment on specific allegations of mistreatment but said it adjusts its operations as needed to uphold its duty to treat individuals with dignity and respect.

"These allegations are not in keeping with ICE policies, practices and standards of care," the agency said.

Krome housed 740 men and one woman on March 31, according to the latest ICE data. That's up 31% from just before Trump took office. ICE refused to disclose Krome's current capacity because of security concerns.

#### Weather

#### Sitka Forecast

For tonight expect a low of 38 degrees with a 40 percent chance of rain. On Saturday expect a high of 51 degrees and a 20 percent chance of rain, followed by an overnight low of 44 degrees and rain. On Sunday: a high of 50 degrees and an overnight low of 45 accompanied by rain. Monday's forecast is for a high of 50, with rain.

#### Sitka Weather

49 degrees, the wind gusted to 29 mph at 5:53 p.m., and .60 inch of rain was

'Temperatures ranged from 42 to

#### 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** 

(02-765)

Alphabet is one of the biggest companies on Wall Street in terms of size, and that gives its stock's movements extra influence on the S&P 500 and other indexes. Another market heavyweight, Nvidia, was also a major force pushing the S&P 500 index upward after the chip company rose 4.3%.

They helped offset a 6.7% drop for Intel, which fell even though its results for the beginning of the year also topped expectations. The chip company said it's seeing "elevated uncertainty across the industry" and gave a forecast for upcoming revenue and profit that fell short of analysts' expectations.

It wasn't just Intel. Roughly three out of every five stocks in the S&P 500 sank, including Eastman Chemical, which dropped 6.2% after it gave a forecast for profit this spring that fell short of analysts' expectations.

CEO Mark Costa said that the "macroeconomic uncertainty that defined the last several years has only increased" and that future demand for its products "is unclear given the magnitude and scope of tariffs."



Location

SITKA NO. 1

330 Harbor Drive Meeting Rooms 5 & 6 **Harrigan Centennial Hall** SITKA NO. 2 (02-770)

**EARLY VOTING** (02-969)

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Harrigan Centennial Hall

Weekdays May 13 - 27 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to noon

A wheelchair accessible booth and an ADA compliant voting apparatus are available during early voting and at each precinct on Election Day.

Other voting options include voting by mail, fax, email, or personal representative.

For more information, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 907.747.1826, 907.747.1811 or visit https:// www.cityofsitka.com/SpecialMunicipalElection.

#### **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

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 ruise ship visitation, beginning with the 2026 cruise season, by establishi

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); restricting port calls to a maximum of six days per week ensuring at least one day

per week with no port calls: an annual cap of 300,000 scheduled passengers ashore per cruise season; and

a daily cap of 4,500 scheduled passengers ashore; requirements for the CBS to implement and administer a scheduling and permitting system

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 requirements for cruise ship operators to report visitation data to the CBS.

ational: See proposed Ordinance No. 2024-33

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## It's Time to Redecorate



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With time, money and effort, we can change our surroundings... color swatches, wallpaper samples and a marathon of television "instruction" can certainly be exhilarating. But what is the answer to happiness when the "new" becomes boring once more? Perhaps we need spiritual "adrenaline"? When you give your life to God, your spirit will be satisfied, full and alive. Worship this week and learn about the spirit of newness that never gets old.

Weekl	y Scripture	Reading
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John Matthew 28.1-20

20.1-31

John 21.1-25 Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

Hebrews Hebrews 4.1-13 4.14-5.14

Hebrews Hebrews 6.1-20 7.1-28

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**ASSEMBLY OF GOD** 

office@sitkaag.org Lead Pastor - Ryan Gluth 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'i's 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 Edgecumbe 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 t

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 Genealogy Library Hours: Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.

**ChristImage** 215A Smith Street

Sunday night service @ 6p.m.

www.christimage.org

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.

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 abbath 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 sitkauufellowship@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 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

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SITKA

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.

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#### Unitarians Discuss Sitkan's New Book

Guest speaker Owen Kindig will talk about and read from his new book 'Can It Ever Be Undone?" at Sunday's meeting of the Sitka Unitarian Fellow-

Kindig's novel is the first of several fantasy books that are set in the reality of the Trump era, beginning in 2020 with the Pandemic and George Floyd incident. Subtitled "A fantasy about people who live forever and a world that learns from its mistakes, the first book in the series is set in the Maine woods, along the Appalachian Trail." The history of immigrants, Indigenous people and African slaves in North America comes to life through the eyewitness testimonies of the main char-

The program begins at 10:45 a.m., with gathering and coffee at 10:30 a.m. Soup and bread follow at noon. All are welcome.

SUUF is an inclusive humanitarian community with shared values including: justice, equity, generosity, pluralism, interdependence, transformation and love, the fellowship said. The Fellowship Hall is located at 408 Marine Street, with entrance and parking off Spruce Street.

#### Family Connect Offers Resources

Parents and caregivers who are raising children and young adults who are neurodivergent are invited to share resources, celebrate uniqueness, discuss challenges and triumphs at a monthly group meeting.

Family Connect meets on the last Thursday of the month. It is supported by Sitka Counseling and the Hope

Call or text Maggie at 907 623-8239 for information, location or to discuss accessibility accommodations.

#### **Summer Hours** At SJ Museum

Sheldon Jackson Museum will move to summer hours - 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday – on Thursday, May 1.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and free for ages 18 and under and active-duty military and their families (with an ID).

Call 907 747-8981 with questions.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **Teen Night at Blatchley Offered**

Sitka Parks and Recreation invites teens to free Teen Nights 7-10 p.m. select Saturdays during spring semester at Blatchley Middle School.

Dates include April 26. It will include open recreation, including basketball, ping-pong, board games, skating and Mario Kart. Teen Nights are sponsored by Parks and Recreation, Sitka Counseling, and the HOPE Coalition. No registration is required.



Donald R. Soukup

#### Donald R. Soukup Services Saturday

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 infor-

#### Family Kayaani Walks Planned

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will host famispring 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

#### Irene Shuler Dies at Age 85

Longtime Sitkan Irene Shuler, 85, passed away peacefully Thursday night at SEARHC Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center with family and friends by her side. An obituary will be published

#### Day of Prayer At Sitka Lutheran

Sitka Lutheran Church invites participation in National Day of Prayer. Every year since 1952, the first Thursday in May is designated by U.S. Congress as an annual day of prayer.

The Executive Proclamation by Gov. Mike Dunleavy invites Alaskans to "offer prayers for our families, communities, state and nation."

Sitka Lutheran Church Pastor Mimi Goodwin invites Sitkans to pause in prayer at noon on May 1 to offer prayers in ways that honor diverse cultural, spiritual and religious prayer traditions, a news release from the church said.

#### Quakers Offer Silent Worship

The public is invited for silent worship in the style of Quakers (Society of Friends) 3:15 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Yaw Chapel on the SJ Campus.

This is an LGBTQ+ affirming faith space. Call or text Maggie with questions, 907 623-8239.

#### Sacred Harp Sing Set for April 27

All are invited to learn to sing fourpart a capella harmony in the Sacred Harp (shape note) tradition 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 27, at the Sitka Pioneers Home chapel.

Beginners and listeners are welcome. Singing is from the red Denson book, and loaner books are available. For information call Sara at 747-2915.

#### Mini Quilt Exhibit At Backdoor Cafe

Ocean Wave Quilters will display guild members' mini quilts throughout May at the Backdoor Cafe.



#### Voter Registration Reminder!

A Special Municipal Election is scheduled for May 28, 2025. You must be a registered voter in Sitka to be eligible to vote in the Election. If you plan to vote but aren't registered to vote in Sítka, you must complete registration by April 28, 2025.

> To check voter registration status: https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov

To register/update a voter registration record: http://voterregistration.alaska.gov or, visit the Municipal Clerk's Office at City Hall, 100 Lincoln Street, 3rd floor.

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Voter registration questions? Contact the State of Alaska Division of Elections at 1.866.948.8683 or 1.907.465.3021.



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#### **Help Wanted**

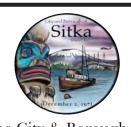
**GARDENER NEEDED.** 907-713-7589.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE and Custodial position. Average 24 hours/week at \$22-\$28/hour DOE. Duties include sweeping, pressure washing, painting, basic carpentry; repairing, organizing & operating tools, supplies, plumbing, electrical and mechanical equipment. Reply to fishermansquay@gmail.com

THE ALASKA Raptor Center is seeking a full-time seasonal Gift Shop Assistant. Candidates must be able to operate a cash register and must provide accurate change to cash-paying customers, have strong interpersonal communication skills and be conscientious and reliable. Starting wage \$17.00/hr. Job is from March 1st to September 30th. Start date is flexible. Please drop off or pick up an application at 1000 Raptor Way or contact Ange Grant at ange.grant@alaskarap-

**KEYSTONE KOPS.** We are looking for local Sitka women to come & have some fun! Participate: Parades, Hang with the Pipers, Visit schools / hospital. Contact Laurie @ 907-738-6919 for application & interview.

THE SENTINEL has newspaper delivery routes available on: Kátlian St., Edgecumbe, Lance, Wolff, & Anna Drive, also HPR/SMC. Call Hayley or Sarah at 747-3219 for



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#### **Help Wanted**

#### Youth Advocates of Sitka is hiring!

- \* Youth Care Worker (Teen Center) Starting at \$20-\$23/hour DOE
- \* Residential Youth Care Worker Starting at \$20-\$23/hour DOE
- ★ Mental Health Clinician Starting at \$66,000-\$72,000/year DOE
- \* After School Program Coordinator Starting at \$21-\$24/hour DOE
- ★ Human Resources Manager Starting at \$47,800-\$52,200/year

For more information and applications, contact info@ sitkayouth.org or phone 907.747.3687

#### **Boats for Sale**

FINE 40' liveaboard. New survey. Lower asking. Business opportunity. 907-713-7589.

#### **Rentals Wanted**

WANTED: SPACE to be made into living space. Access to water necessary. Working in Sitka for Summer. 907-738-0908.

#### **Business Services**

ABSOLUTE TREE Care. It's that time of year again, Sitkans, to get your trees trimmed, topped or removed. 20% discount to seniors, 10% discount to others through May 2025. Licensed. Bonded. Insured. Workman's Comp Serving Sitka since 907-747-7342, 907-738-2616.

OCEANSIDE EXCAVATION One-stop source for all excavation and concrete work. Land development, grading, driveway work, rock walls, concrete foundation, retaining walls, patios, concrete driveways, curbs, gutters, and much more. Call for estimate, 738-1027.

ARBORSMITH TREE Care Now Serving Sitka! www.arborsmithtreecare.com. 907-219-0242. AK LIC#10306880.

#### Wildlife Cruise **Tickets are Ready**

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

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

The cruise is sponsored by Allen Marine Tours.

#### **Drill Conductor** Classes in Sitka

AMSEA will conduct a fishing vessel drill conductor class 8 a.m.-7 p.m. April 26 at the NSRAA building, 1308 Sawmill Creek Road.

The cost is free for commercial fishermen and \$300 for all others. It meets the U.S. Coast Guard training requirements for drill conductors on commercial fishing vessels. Register online at www.amsea.org or call (907) 747-3287.



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#### Play Presentation By SFAC on Stage This Weekend

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 the Odess Theater at Allen Hall on the SJ Cam-

"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.

## Sunshine Corner

These ads are

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

#### MOVING/GARAGE SALES

Saturday 8am-1pm. 3208 HPR (Sollars) #11. Final moving sale, everything goes!

Saturday 9:00-noon or soon before if it's slow. 103 Scarlett Way please park at bottom of the drive and walk up. No early birds. A little of everything.

Sunday 10:00am-1:00pm. Shennett Street garage sale, Multiple households, items including books, games, clothes, various outdoor gear, housewares, kitchenware, crafting supplies, various tools, and more. Shennett Street is technically just a big shared driveway, pléase park on Lake or Monastery street.

#### WANTED

Used bike for senior female. Looking for fair condition free or very cheap. Please message (907)747-3770

#### Calendar of Events

**FRIDAY** 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 Kwaan Naa Kahidi 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 SATURDAY

9 a.m.-noon Spring Gun and Out-door Gear Swap, 5211 Halibut Point

10 a.m. Homeless Coalition Walk, starts at U.S. Post Office 10 a.m. STA Kayaani Family Walks.

Anna at 907-966-9662 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 3 to 5 Preschool's Big

Rig spring fundraiser, Mt. Edgecumbe High School parking lot 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drug Take Back Day collection, Harrigan Centennial Hall 10:30 a.m. Family Yoga Event, STA

sponsored, Sitka Public Library 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

1-4 p.m. Class on Sitka's History, Harrigan Centennial Hall 6:30 p.m. Aerial Artistry Show, Sitka

Cirque Studio, 207 Smith Street 7 p.m. Teen Night, Blatchley Middle 7 p.m. Young Performers Theater play, "Failure: A Love Story," Odess

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

stairs at 6 p.m. on last Saturday of

SUNDAY
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call
AA hotline 747-8866 for information 2 p.m. Young Performers Theater

play, "Failure: A Love Story," Odess p.m. Parent-Tot Time, Blatchley Middle School 3 p.m. Sacred Harp Sing, Pioneers

Home Chapel 4-7 p.m. Gift making for Yaaw Koo. éex', ANB Founders Hall 7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln St., hotline 907-747-8866 MONDAY

6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool

Noon MEHS Aquatic Center pool open Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information

5:30-6:30 p.m. AA, Sitka Pioneers Home Recreation Kitchen, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information 6 p.m. Sitka Community Land Trust Board, Sitka High School Library 6 p.m. White Elephant Shop open

#### **Voters Reminded of Special Election** May 13. Contact the Municipal Clerk's

Office for more information.

Early voting in person: Voters may

vote an early in-person ballot May 13-

May 27 at Harrigan Centennial Hall

weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30

p.m. and Saturdays, May 17 and 24, 9

a.m. to noon. The office is closed Mon-

Meeting room locations by date:

Room 5; May 14, 15, Meeting Room 3;

tion Day at their respective precinct at

Harrigan Centennial Hall. Polls will be

open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Precinct 1 is in Meeting Rooms 5 and 6; and Precinct

For a sample ballot, absentee ballot request, and other election resources,

visit https://www.cityofsitka.com/Spe-

cialMunicipalElection or contact the

Municipal Clerk's Office at clerk@cityofsitka.org, 907 747-1826 or 907

May 13, 16, 17, 20-24, 27, Meeting

Voters may vote in person on Elec-

day, May 26, for Memorial Day.

May 19, Meeting Room 2.

Auditorium.

747-1811.

A special municipal election is scheduled for May 28.

Voters must be residents and registered to vote in Sitka to be eligible to vote in the election. Registration must be completed by April 28.

To check voter registration status, visit: https://myvoterportal.alaska.gov/. To register or update a voter registration record, visit: https://voterregistration.alaska.gov/ or, visit the Municipal Clerk's Office in City Hall at 100 Lincoln Street, 3rd floor.

Those who have questions about the election can contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 907 747-1826 or 907

Voter registration questions can be directed to the State of Alaska Division of Elections at 1 866 948-8683 or 1 907 465-3021. Eligible voters may choose to vote using one of these op-

Absentee voting by mail: Voters may apply to receive a ballot by mail. Completed applications must be received no later than May 21, 2025. Ballots will be mailed early May. The voted absentee by mail ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day, May 28, and received by the Municipal Clerk's Office no later than May 30, or, be delivered to the Municipal Clerk's Office or an election official before polls close on Election Day, May 28.

Absentee voting by fax or electronic transmission: Voters may apply for an absentee ballot to be sent by fax or electronic transmission. Completed applications must be received by 5 p.m. (AKST) on May 28. Voted ballots by electronic transmission must be submitted according to the Municipal Clerk's instructions and received no later than 8 p.m. (AKST) on Election Day, May 28.

Absentee voting by personal representative: Voters who are unable to go to a polling place due to age, illness, or disability may have a personal representative pick up a ballot beginning

#### 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,

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,

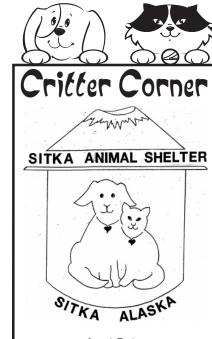
May 18, with 10 a.m.-3 p.m. hours.

#### **Herring Protectors** Run Run, Walk Set

The Herring Protectors 5K fun run and 2-mile walk will be held 10 a.m. Sunday,

The race is out to the airport and back, starting and ending under the bridge.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. The event, open to the public, is free but donations to the Herring Protectors are welcome. For more information call Bridget at 907 738-



**Lost Pets** 

If you are missing an animal, please call the shelter to get the most current information that has been turned in. All animals are held according to the Sitka Animal Shelter Holding Policy.

If you find a lost animal, there is a double rabbit hutch at the shelter to put small lost animals in when the shelter is closed. There is also a fenced kennel area to confine rescued lost dogs for their safety.

Please call 747-3567 for an appointment or information about pet adoptions.



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#### **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

It is free and open to the public. For more information contact Tammy Young at 907 747-7167 or tammy. young@sitkatribe-nsn.gov.

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#### **CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

**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

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 Depart-

bid is one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars. Bids received later than 2:00:00

ment 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

#### **Legal Notice**

**Ballot Equipment Logic and Accuracy Testing** Pursuant to Sitka General Code 2.80.370, Logic and Accuracy testing of the ballot tabulating equipment for the May 28 City and Borough of Sitka Special Election will be held **9 a.m. Tuesday, April 29** at Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive, meeting room 2. The public is welcome to attend. Sara Peterson, Municipal Clerk Published: April 25, 2025

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#### CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA **NOTICE OF ELECTION**

A Special Municipal Election will be held in the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on May 28, 2025. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. for casting ballots on the following:

#### **BALLOT PROPOSITION**

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 ensur-
- ing 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; 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.

**VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:** A person may vote in any municipal election who:

is at least 18 years old; and has been a resident and registered to vote in the municipality for at least 30 days

immediately prior to the election; and is a citizen of the United States; and

is qualified to vote in State elections; and is registered to vote in State elections in the precinct in

which that person seeks to vote in municipal elections. **ABSENTEE VOTING:** 

Application for an absentee ballot by mail may be made with the Municipal Clerk until 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2025. Application for an absentee ballot by fax or email may be made with the Municipal Clerk until 5:00 p.m. on May 28,

Early voting is available at Harrigan Centennial Hall on the following schedule:

Weekdays from Tuesday, May 13 through Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. (closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day) Saturdays on May 17 and May 24 from 9:00 a.m. to noon

Meeting room locations by date:
• May 13, 16, 17, 20-24, 27 – Meeting Room 5

May 14, 15 – Meeting Room 3 May 19 – Meeting Room 2

Qualified voters who are unable to go to the polls may make application for a ballot by personal representative at the early voting location or at the voting precincts on

**POLLING PLACES** for each precinct on **Election Day, May 28**, are as follows: HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL SITKA No. 1 (02-765)330 Harbor Drive - Meeting Rooms 5 & 6

> SITKA No. 2 (02-770)

HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL 330 Harbor Drive - Meeting Rooms 2 & 3

NOTE: A wheelchair accessible booth and an ADA compliant voting apparatus are available during early voting and at each precinct on Election Day.

For a sample ballot, absentee ballot request, and other election resources, visit "https://www.cityofsitka.com/SpecialMunicipalElection or contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 907.747.1826 or 907.747.1811.

Sara Peterson, Municipal Clerk

Published April 11, 25, May 9, 23

#### 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 premiertrainingak@gmail.com.



#### 747-0646 **Coliseum Theatre**

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#### The Amateur

(PG-13) 125 min. Friday - Thursday: 7:30

**BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!** 

#### Sitka Rose Awards Event Tonight At Community House

Sitkans Against Family lence will hold its second Sitka Rose Awards 7 p.m. tonight, 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. 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 or call 907 738-0161.

### **Police Blotter**

parked at Pioneer Park was advised by

**Emergency Calls** 

ambulance calls Thursday.

the Sitka Public Library

Sitka Fire Department received two

**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 HOPE Coalition, the event offers

'a respectful, confidential and judg-

ment-free space for community mem-

bers to safely dispose of unused or

expired prescription medications," the

organizers said. "By removing medi-

cations that are no longer needed, we

reduce the risk of accidental use, mis-

health, promoting safety, and support-

ing individuals and families in making

Race Pharmacy, the Sitka Police De-

partment, and the Sitka Public Library

for their commitment to this effort, or-

**Community Orchestra** 

**Concert Staged Tonight** 

and Recreation division welcomes the

public to the Sitka Community Orches-

tra Concert 7 p.m. tonight, at the Sitka

Larson. Sitkans of all ages will play the

music they have been rehearing since

January. Entry is free; doors open at

ka Parks and Recreation at recreation@

Blessing of Fleet

Slated for May 4

The public is invited to the annu-

The ceremony includes the U.S.

Coast Guard Color Guard, local musi-

cians, scripture readings and blessings

by local clergy, bell-ringing, and the

passed since last year's ceremony.

Offered April 26

tour guides and other interested mem-

April 26, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

son, will give an overview of Sitka's

milestone events in Sitka's history.

and artifacts.

Arts Center.

The class, taught by Rebecca Poul-

The cost of the class is \$40 and tick-

maritime.org, at Old Harbor Books, or

Fifth-Grade Band

The fifth-grade band "Hello Sum-

The concert will include full band

mer Concert" will be held 7 p.m. Mon-

day, May 5, at the Sitka Performing

pieces as well as one piece featuring

each section in the band. Admission is

free. All are invited to attend.

Concert May 5

ment to honor the departed.

al Blessing of the Fleet and Mariners

Memorial 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the

Crescent Harbor Shelter.

cityofsitka.org or 907 747-4031.

For information, contact City of Sit-

The orchestra is conducted by Drew

Performing Arts Center.

The City and Borough of Sitka Parks

The event is centered on protecting

Appreciation is extended to Harry

use, and environmental harm."

informed, empowered choices.

ganizers said.

6:30 p.m.

Hosted by Sitka Counseling and

police that the park closes at 10 p.m.

Sitka Police Department received the following calls as of 8 a.m. today. April 24

Two teens who had been dating were reported having a domestic dispute. A protective order was issued for one of the teens.

A man called police to ask about a call from a woman telling him to send money. An officer told him it was a

At 4:11 p.m. a caller said a dump truck had spilled rocks on Granite Creek Road. An officer saw no rocks on the road and found no truck matching the description.

At 10:06 p.m. a driver who was

#### **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 0, 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 pub-

#### Aerial Artistry **Production Set**

Friends of Sitka Circus Arts invites the public to the 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 equip-

It will be at the Sitka Cirque Studio, 207 Smith Street, April 26-27 and May 3-4. 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, and free for under 6 years. Purchase tickets at sitkacirque.

#### Family Yoga Event At Public Library

Sitka Tribe of Alaska invites families and youths of all ages to free yoga classes led by certified yoga instructor Doug Osborne 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Sitka Public Library.

Participants should arrive on time and wear comfortable clothing. Yoga mats will be provided to those who need one. Pre-registration is required by calling or stopping by the library at 907 747-4020.

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

#### **One-Lane Traffic** On HPR for Paving

City and Borough of Sitka contractors are anticipating repaving a section of road at 913 Halibut Point Road, near the Peterson Street intersection beginning Monday, April 28.

To accommodate the work, a portion of Halibut Point Road will temporarily be reduced to one-lane traffic during business hours, with flaggers directing vehicles.

Pedestrian access will be restricted to one side of the road.

Motorists and pedestrians should expect delays.

Contact the City and Borough of Sitka Public Works Department at 907 747-1804 with questions.

#### **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.

#### 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

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.

For information, contact Sitka Parks and Recreation at recreation@cityof-sitka.org or 907 738-0875.

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#### Big Rig Event Set Saturday

3 to 5 Preschool's Big Rig spring fundraiser will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 26 at the Mt. Edgecumbe 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 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

#### **Zumba Sessions** Offered by STA

Friday Zumba continues 5:30-6:15 p.m. Fridays with Harper and Anna at the Blatchley Middle School multipurpose room through May. For information, contact Harp-

er Glazer at harper.glazer@sitkatribe-nsn.gov.

#### **School Board Sets Budget Meet**

The Sitka School Board will hold a special meeting to pass the 2025-2026 school budget 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the Sitka High School li-

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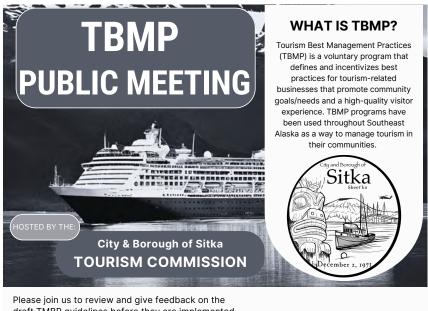
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draft TMBP guidelines before they are implemented in this summer's pilot of the program. There will be opening comments at 6:00, and members of the public will be able to give their feedback on the draft guidelines through a written survey or by leaving 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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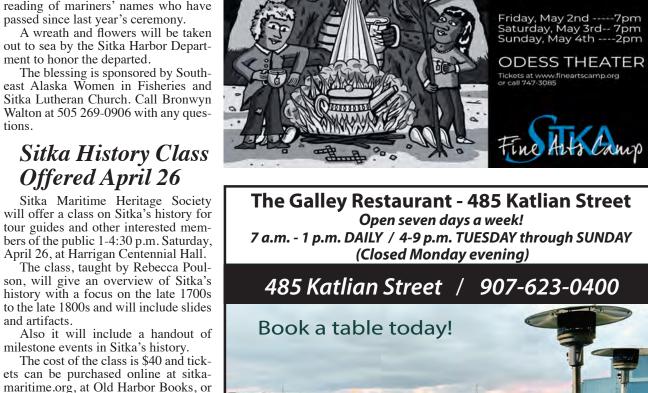
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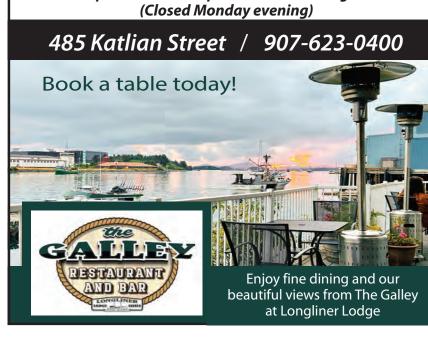
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## SENTINEL SPORTS

## Ward, Hunter Take Top Spots in NFL Draft

AP Pro Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Cam Ward went from zero-star recruit to No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. Travis Hunter cost Jacksonville a premium. Jaxson Dart was selected before Shedeur Sand-

While Ward, Hunter and Abdul Carter went 1-2-3 as expected, Sanders wasn't picked at all in the first round.

"We all didn't expect this, of course, but I feel like with God, anything's possible, everything's possible," Sanders told family and friends at his draft party. "I don't think this happened for no reason. All this is, of course, fuel to the fire. Under no circumstance, we all know this shouldn't have happened, but we understand we're on to bigger and better things. Tomorrow's the day. We're going to be happy regardless.'

Sanders was passed over by every team that had a need for a potential franchise quarterback, even though some draft analysts had him rated higher than Ward. The New York Giants had two opportunities to take Sanders — who starred at Colorado under his father, coach Deion Sanders — and went with Penn State edge rusher Carter with the No. 3 pick, bolstering an already strong pass rush.

The Giants then moved back into the first round and selected Dart at No. 25, hoping he could end up providing what another Mississippi quarterback — Eli Manning — did for the franchise.

After the Tennessee Titans selected Ward first overall, the Jaguars moved up from No. 5 to select the Heisman Trophy winner with the second pick. Hunter, a playmaking wide receiver and cornerback at Colorado, wants to become the first full-time, two-way player in the NFL since Chuck Bednarik did it with the Philadelphia Eagles more than 60

The Jaguars gave the Cleveland Browns a ton to give Hunter that oppor-

"I'm super excited to go home," said Hunter, whose hometown is Boynton Beach, Florida. "It means a lot that they gave up so much. It means they believe

The New England Patriots took LSU left tackle Will Campbell with the fourth pick, giving quarterback Drake Maye more protection.

Campbell broke down in tears on stage, saying: "I'm gonna fight and die to protect him.'

Michigan defensive tackle Mason Graham went fifth to Cleveland. Boise



Miami quarterback Cam Ward takes a selfie with fans after being chosen by the Tennessee Titans with the first overall pick during the first round of the NFL football draft, Thursday in Green Bay, Wis. (AP Photo/Matt Ludtke)

The New York Jets selected Missouri offensive tackle Armand Membou with the seventh pick. Arizona wide receiver Tetairoa McMillan went to the Carolina Panthers with the No. 8 pick.

The New Orleans Saints chose Texas offensive tackle Kelvin Banks Jr. at No. 9. Michigan's Colston Loveland became the first tight end off the board when the Chicago Bears selected him at No. 10.

The Titans explored their options with the first pick before it became clear a few weeks ago that Ward would be

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced Ward's name to kick off the draft, which for the first time was held next to historic Lambeau Field. The NFL's smallest market is hosting the league's biggest offseason event as thousands of fans from across the country traveled to Titletown for the festivi-

Goodell rode a bicycle onto the draft stage and was followed by former Packers stars Clay Matthews, Jordy Nelson, Mason Crosby, Ahman Green and James Jones, as well as rap megastar and Green Bay superfan Lil Wayne.

As usual, fans booed Goodell when he opened the extravaganza.

Titans fans cheered inside the draft theater after hearing Ward's name called. An overlooked high school player out of Texas, Ward began his college career at Incarnate Word, an FCS school in San Antonio. He played two seasons at Washington State after transferring State running back Ashton Jeanty was picked at No. 6 by the Las Vegas Raidin his only season at Miami, finishing spoken to the team since the scouting combine. He caught 96 passes for 1,258

fourth in Heisman Trophy voting. "Everything that I went through, not a lot of people went through the process from high school to this point can make it to this level and continue to have the same work ethic since day one, but I had God by my side and if you have that, the rest takes care of itself," Ward said.

The Titans are coming off a threewin season and have missed the playoffs three straight years. Ward is the fourth quarterback Tennessee has drafted in the first round over the past two decades, joining Marcus Mariota (No. 2, 2015), Jake Locker (No. 8, 2011) and Vince Young (No. 3, 2006).

Mariota is the only QB drafted by Tennessee in that span who led the team o a playoff win. That was back in 2017. Will Levis, the 33rd overall pick in 2023, is 5-16 as a starter in his two sea-

sons with the Titans. Ward led the country with 39 touchdown passes and finished second with 4,313 yards passing while leading the Hurricanes to a 10-3 record. Ward also had only seven interceptions and com-

pleted 67.2% of his passes. The Browns got Jacksonville's firstround pick (No. 5), picks Nos. 36 and 126, and a first-rounder in 2026 to trade down and clear the way for the Jaguars to pick Hunter. The Jags also received fourth- and sixth-round picks in this

Hunter wore a neon pink blazer and flashed a big smile after Jacksonville selected him, even though he hadn't yards and 15 touchdowns while making 35 tackles, breaking up 11 passes and picking off four.

The San Francisco 49ers took Georgia edge rusher Mykel Williams with the 11th pick. Alabama guard Tyler Booker went to the Dallas Cowboys at

Michigan defensive tackle Kenneth Grant was selected by the Miami Dolphins with the 13th pick. The Indianapolis Colts snagged Penn State tight end at No. 14 and Georgia edge rusher Jalon Walker went 15th to the Atlanta

Mississippi defensive tackle Walter Nolen was picked by the Arizona Cardinals at No. 16 and Texas A&M edge rusher Shemar Stewart went to the Cincinnati Bengals at No. 17.

The Seattle Seahawks took North Dakota State guard Grey Zabel with the 18th pick and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers got Ohio State wide receiver Emeka Egbuka at No. 19.

Texas cornerback Jahdae Barron was selected by the Denver Broncos with the 20th pick. After the Pittsburgh Steelers chose Oregon defensive tackle Derrick Harmon 21st, North Carolina running back Omarion Hampton went to the Los Angeles Chargers at No. 22.

The Packers made their rowdy fans happy, taking Texas wide receiver Matthew Golden with the 23rd pick. Golden became the first wideout selected by Green Bay in the first round since Javon Walker in 2002.

Ohio State guard Donovan Jackson was selected by the Minnesota Vikings with the 24th pick. After Dart went to New York, the Falcons moved back into the first round and grabbed Tennessee edge rusher James Pearce Jr. at No. 26.

Georgia safety Malaki Starks went to the Baltimore Ravens with the 27th pick and the Detroit Lions took Ohio State defensive tackle Tyleik Williams

The Washington Commanders picked Oregon offensive tackle Josh Conerly Jr. at No. 29 and Kentucky cornerback Maxwell Hairston went 30th to the Buffalo Bills.

Alabama linebacker Jihaad Campbell was picked by the defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles, who moved up one spot to No. 31.

The Kansas City Chiefs finished off the first round by taking Ohio State offensive tackle Josh Simmons, who could provide Patrick Mahomes some much-needed protection.

The first round featured four trades and ended with Michigan cornerback Will Johnson and Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe still in the green room.

#### City League Tourney Ends Sunday

By Sentinel Staff

The championship match of the recreational division City League volleyball tournament will be between Deez Netz and the Wildflour Cookie Monsters, following the Netz' 2-1 victory Thursday in a semi-

final matchup against the SEARHC Slammers.

The recreational game will take place 2 p.m. Sunday at the Blatchley gym. While a time for the competitive division game has not been set, it will be either at 1 or 5 p.m., also Sunday.

#### Seahawks Select Guard Grey Zabel

By ANDREW DESTIN **AP Sports Writer** 

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Grey Zabel uses three words to lay out his priori-

Family. Football. Farming.

The Pierre, South Dakota, native grew up on a family farm, which instilled in the burly offensive lineman lessons and skills that transferred to the football field.

"Working at the farm, it's kind of understanding that farming and football have a lot in common," Zabel said. "You plant a seed in the dirt in the spring and tend to it and try and give it as much as you can to grow a great crop in the fall, and football's the exact same way. You work all offseason to get your body strong, healthy and you reap the benefits

The Seahawks similarly hope their top spring selection will lead to a fruitful fall and beyond. They selected Zabel, a guard out of North Dakota State, with the 18th overall pick in the NFL draft on Thursday night.

"I'm biased, I'm from Wisconsin," said general manager John Schneider. "So, farms, tough guys, we like those

The 6-foot-6, 312 pound Zabel started 41 games over five seasons at every position on the offensive line except center. Following his fourth year in the program, the highly sought-after Zabel said he received six-figure offers to transfer to Power Four schools to finish out his collegiate career.

Zabel instead stayed put and was an FCS All-American at left tackle last sea-

"There were some offers that kind of made me scratch my head," Zabel said. "My head coach always calls me stupid for not taking the money. But at the end of the day, I think it paid off pretty well."

The Seahawks, meanwhile, are optimistic that Zabel can be part of the solution for an offensive line that struggled mightily in 2024. Last season, the Seahawks yielded 54 sacks, tied for thirdmost in the NFL. The Seahawks, who went 10-7 last season and won the NFC West, ran the vast majority of their plays out of the shotgun formation.

The versatile Zabel could slot in at any of the five starting offensive line positions, but coach Mike MacDonald said he will start out at guard.

"Hopefully we find a home for him at one position and he lives there for a really long time for us," MacDonald said. "But, I think it just speaks to his savvy. It's not easy to find those guys that can play interior and at tackle. So, he's one of them, and he's ours now."

Prior to selecting Zabel, the Seahawks hadn't extensively addressed their offensive line woes via free agency outside of signing journeyman tackle Josh Jones. In theory, Zabel could quickly replace Seattle's starting left guard from last season, Laken Tomlinson, who is now a member of the Houston Texans.

Though Zabel played left tackle for North Dakota last year, he first played guard as a true freshman. He believes that early experience on the interior should pay dividends.

"The type of style that I play is quick," Zabel said. "Trying to use my athletic ability and my benefits and basically, at the end of the day, it's all mentality playing offensive line.

There are a number of other areas on the roster the Seahawks will need to and could address with their remaining nine draft picks. They signed veteran wide receivers Cooper Kupp and Marquez Valdes-Scantling during the offseason, but the departures of DK Metcalf and Tyler Lockett to the Steelers and Titans, respectively, mean that position group could use further reinforcements.

Should the athletic Zabel live up to his potential, though, he would prove to be an impactful addition in his own right. Keeping new quarterback Sam Darnold upright after he was signed this offseason to a three-year, \$100.5 million deal will be a priority for Seattle.

The franchise took a step toward doing so in drafting Zabel, who expected to celebrate being drafted with a beer.

"I'm probably going to start diving into these Busch Light's and celebrating. Have the 12-hour rule, you get to celebrate it for 12 hours and then you get back to work," Zabel said.

Josh Jung, Jonah Heim and Leody

Before the A's rallied, Rangers start-

A's starter J.T. Ginn allowed three

After Rangers left fielder Wyatt

Langford appeared to lose Butler's fly

ball in the lights that landed for a double

and put runners at second and third, de-

Grom fielded a sharp comebacker and

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against deGrom and seven times overall.

2.64 ERA) faces the Giants in San Fran-

cisco today. A's RHP Luis Severino (1-

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The A's struck out looking four times

Rangers RHP Nathan Eovaldi (1-2,

er Jacob deGrom was in line get his first

win in two years. The right-hander al-

lowed two runs and six hits over 5 1/3

fourth inning for the Rangers.

runs and six hits in 3 2/3 innings.

third and home for an out.

## Clippers Score Easy Win over Jokic, Nuggets

By BETH HARRIS **AP Sports Writer** 

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — After two close games to open the playoffs, the Los Angeles Clippers came home and had their way with the Denver Nuggets.

Kawhi Leonard had 21 points and 11 rebounds in a 117-83 victory Thursday night that gave the Clippers a 2-1 lead in the first-round series.

"It ain't over because we had a blowout," Clippers coach Tyronn Lue said. "We got to come and validate that."

James Harden and Norman Powell added 20 points apiece in the first playoff game at the new Intuit Dome, where Clippers superfans sitting in The Wall section closest to Denver's bench wore horse hats mocking Jokic's love of the animal.

"It was crackin,' it was loud. Just how I expected it to be," Harden said. "That's one of the reasons why we jumped out to a huge lead."

After the teams split the first two games in Denver — a pair of nail-biters decided by a combined five points — this one wasn't close after the first quarter. Both teams cleared their benches in the

final 4 1/2 minutes. 'The first two games were very competitive. This game was not," interim Nuggets coach David Adelman said. "But you can come back Saturday and you can



Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard, left, shoots as Nuggets guard Christian Braun defends during the first half Thursday, in Inglewood, Calif. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

right a lot of wrongs."

Game 4 is Saturday at the flashy and tech-heavy Inglewood arena, the dream creation of Clippers billionaire owner Steve Ballmer. He animatedly clapped his hands and pumped his fist from his seat near his team's bench.

13 rebounds and 13 assists for his second triple-double of the series. Jamal Murray also had 23 points.

"Bottom line, this was not good enough. This was not our standard in any way," Adelman said. "Defensively, we have to meet them much better than we Jokic led the Nuggets with 23 points, did tonight and I expect we will."

Denver led by seven early before the Clippers took a 20-point lead in the second quarter and tightened up their de-

The Clippers outscored the Nuggets 23-2 over the end of the first quarter and start of the second, with Harden scoring

Murray and Jokic combined to score 16 points in the third, when the Nuggets The Clippers hit 18 3-pointers to

seven for Denver. They controlled the boards, 48-38, and their bench outscored the Nuggets' reserves, 31-6. "Everybody contributed. It was a

great game for us all," Leonard said. "Denver's a great team. They've bene here before. We got to still stay focused and play together and come out with a great mindset Saturday.'

Denver's Russell Westbrook, who missed 4 of 5 from long range, left the game with left foot inflammation in the second half. Michael Porter Jr., who sprained his left shoulder in Game 2, was limited to seven points and six rebounds.

There were reminders of the Clippers' old Lob City era in their new building. Former Clipper Chris Paul was in the stands along with Patrick Beverley wearing a Zubac jersey, while DeAndre Jordan played five minutes for the Nuggets.

ing edge in the third quarter to claw back, "I think it is very hard to describe to

anyone who hasn't been in that situation,'

Grizzlies interim coach Tuomas Iisalo

### A's Rally over Rangers in Ninth

SACARAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — recorded six outs for the win. Luis Urias scored on Jacob Wilson's Josh Jung, Jonah Heim a two-out single in the ninth inning as the Tavares all hit solo home runs in the Athletics rallied to beat the Texas Rang ers 4-3 on Thursday night.

Trailing 3-2 heading into ninth, the A's got going when Max Schuemann drew a one-out walk. Urias followed with a single into the gap in right-center that bounced off the glove of Rangers center fielder Leody Tavares for an error, allowing Schuemann to score the tying

After Lawrence Butler flew out, Wilson lined a 3-1 pitch off Rangers closer Luke Jackson (0-2) to drive in Urias for the game-winner. It was Jackson's first blown save in eight chances this season.

The rally enabled the A's to win their first series at their temporary home at Sutter Health Park.

Tyler Soderstrom had two hits and two RBIs for the Athletics, and Gio Urshela had three singles.

Rookie reliever Grant Holman (1-0)

Stunt Pilot Holland Dies in Crash

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Rob Holland, a famed aerobatic pilot who wowed airshow crowds and championship judges with tight spirals, meticulous loops and inventive sequences in the sky, has died in a plane crash. He was 50

Holland died Thursday while landing his custom-built, single-seat aircraft at Joint-Base Langley-Eustis in Hampton, Virginia, in preparation for an upcoming airshow at the military installation. The crash remains under investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Holland's death was confirmed by his official Facebook page, Rob Holland Aerosports, and by Jim Bourke, president of the International Aerobatic Club, for which Holland served as vice president. Bourke said Holland was flying a non-aerobatic flight and was landing at the base.

Holland was probably the bestknown airshow pilot and the winningest competitor in aerobatic contests, Bourke said. The airborne competitions could be compared to figure skating for the required grace, precision and discipline, but with punishing gravitational forces. flew against him many times,

and, like a lot of people, I couldn't beat him," said Bourke, who was Holland's friend, rival and teammate on the U.S Unlimited Aerobatic Team. "They didn't have anyone who could beat him. He was just that good.'

Holland won 12 consecutive U.S. National Aerobatic Championships, which was a record, according to his website. He also racked up five world Freestyle Aerobatic Championships and a prestigious award for showmanship from the International Council of

Holland was known for inventing new maneuvers that no one saw before, Bourke said. One of them was his famous "frisbee" that rotated his 1,200-pound (540-kilogram) plane horizontally, while the "inverted frisbee" pulled off the same maneuver upside down.

"A lot of people expect an airplane to fly like an arrow, it's moving very fast in one direction," Bourke said. "With Rob, the airplane would be pointed in some crazy direction. It wouldn't be pointed the way it's traveling. It would be flipping on an axis that would be unexpected.'

Videos from Holland's YouTube channel show his red-and-black MXS streaking through the sky with a stream of billowing white smoke. A video from Holland's cockpit presents a nausea-inducing blur of sky and farmland.

#### 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

## Thunder Rally over Griz, Take 3-0 Series Lead

By EDDIE PELLAS and ERIC OLSON

**AP Sports Writers** MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Chet Holmgren scored all but one of his 24 points in the second half and the Oklahoma City Thunder overcame a 29-point deficit after Ja Morant left the game with a hip injury and beat the Memphis Grizzlies 114-108

on Thursday night for a 3-0 series lead. Morant was hurt with just over three minutes left in the first half and Memphis leading 67-40. The Grizzlies led by 26 at

The 29-point comeback was the second-largest in an NBA postseason game since play-by-play data began being re-

corded in the 1996-97 season. The only one bigger: A comeback from 31 points down by the Los Angeles Clip-

pers against Golden State on April 15, 2019. The top-seeded Thunder, who won Game 1 131-80 in the fifth-biggest margin of victory in NBA postseason history, didn't even have a lead in this one until the fourth quarter. Now, they can close out the

series Saturday. "I just through out of halftime, we kind of reconnected to who we are. We were very out of character in the first half,"

Thunder coach Mark Daigneault said.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 31 points for Oklahoma City and Jalen Williams added 26, splitting a pair of free throws with 1:20 left to give the Thunder

Scotty Pippen scored 28 points, two

Jaren Jackson Jr. added 22 points as Memphis saw its substantial lead evaporate in the second half. "Understanding leads," Williams said.

short of his career high, to lead Memphis.

"You're never too far ahead, and you're never too far behind." "They built a 29-point lead in a half, so we felt like all we had to do was build our

Morant went down hard under the basket with just over three minutes remaining in the first half and was ruled out for the remainder of the game early in the second

own 29-point lead," GIlgeous-Alexander

half with a left hip contusion. Memphis was on a fast break after a Thunder turnover. Pippen was driving to the basket when he dropped the ball off to Morant at the rim. Luguentz Dort, who was stumbling at the time, fell into Morant while he was in the air, sending the Morant crashing to the floor. The play was re-

viewed for a flagrant foul, but was ruled a common foul. Morant had 15 points and five assists.

Memphis carried a 77-51 lead into the break. But the Thunder used a 36-18 scor-

hilly course, please train accordingly.

June 21 at 9 a.m. Please join us for the 18th running of this SHS Cross Country and Track program fundraiser. The three distance events will begin and end at Herring Cove, adjacent to the Beaver Lake Trailhead parking lot at the end of Sawmill Creek Road. All races will head out toward Medvejie Hatchery and back. The half marathon turn-around is at the Green Lake Power House, 10K near the

Medvejie Solstice Run

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

Medvejie Hatchery, and the 5K at about half-way out to the hatchery. This is a

ring 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.)

tion email runsitkahigh@gmail.com, or send a message on our Facebook page.

In-person registration will be available on race day until 8:30 a.m. at Her-

Volunteers are warmly invited to support this fun event. For more informa-

## Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my early 40s and have been working hard since my mid 20s. I have a nice house that my wife and I are trying to pay off and two kids. We live pretty comfortably, but by no means are we well off.

My dad is very well off, and he finances my older brother to live abroad. My younger sister, who still lives at home with him, is given whatever money she needs or wants. I am growing increasingly resentful about this situation. My two siblings, neither of whom work, are getting free rides from Dad.

My father loves to remind me how much money he has and how successful he is. So why doesn't he help me pay down my mortgage so my family and I can live a more comfortable life? This is the question that is nagging at me, but I'm not sure whether to ask my dad or not.

Do you have any advice about the direction I should take, and what I can do so I don't feel so much resent-ment? -- ONE OF THREE IN CANADA

DEAR ONE: Perhaps it's time to step back and view this situation from a different perspective. You seem to think your father is doing your sister and brother a favor by subsidizing their lifestyles. From where I sit, it looks more like he has spent years fostering their dependence on him rather than helping them to become independent adults. Has it never occurred to you that of the three siblings, you are the only one who is fully functional? Your father may be under the impression that you can comfortably pay your mortgage off by yourself. Stop fuming and

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have an honest talk with him.

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DEAR ABBY: My friend "Julie" has faced several challenges in recent months. She lost her job, and her long-term boyfriend ended their relationship. While I understand her distress, her situation is complicated by the fact that he has a dog that Julie has known since it was a puppy. Despite the emotional and mental abuse he has inflicted on her, she's willing to visit him to see the dog.

My husband and I, along with her family, have voiced our concerns that he's manipulating Julie by leveraging her affection for the dog. I advised her to sever ties and move on, because I believe this ar-

rangement is holding her back from moving forward.
Recently, Julie shared that her ex is planning to relocate and take the dog with him, which has added to her heartbreak. She's often in tears over this situation, and I am at a loss about how to support her. Do you have any suggestions? -- FRUSTRATED FRIEND IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRIEND: Julie is still mourning the loss of her abusive relationship with her boyfriend. As you stated, the visits with the dog (and him) have only prolonged her grief. Continue to emotionally support your friend as you have been doing and skip the lectures about what a manipulative cad he is. She already knows. Then pray he moves away soon, so the tie can finally be severed, and she can start healing.

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(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Before you rush in to help someone

and save the day, find out what kind

of help they need or if they want the help at all. SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Be careful of becoming so overly

consumed with a goal that you lose

perspective on what truly matters.

SAGITTARIUŚ

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Your mind may be too heavy right

now. Try to turn your attention toward

more fun or creative things.

**CAPRICORN** 

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Understanding the why behind your

feelings can aid you in making better

decisions.

**AQUARIUS** 

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

If someone is trying to goad you into

a fight, don't take the bait.

**PISCES** 

(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Don't assume that your hard work

will all be for nothing. Stay on course!

You'll reap the rewards of your efforts.

FOR TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

You're a loyal and caring person.

You show how you care through action, giving gifts, or spending quality

time with someone you love. You're also patient and understanding.

It takes a lot to get you upset, but

when you feel impassioned about

something, you don't hide it. Learn-

ing how to let go of a grudge may be

something that you need to work on.

Still, you have a laidback vibe that of-

ten provides comfort to others. Your

creativity is unmatched, as is your

consistency and determination. This

year encourages you to pursue more

spiritual fulfillment. Feed your heart

King Classic Sudoku

and soul!

## GRYPTOQUOT

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.

CRYPTOQUOTE

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XEZGOQ JCMT HQ Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I DON'T THINK ANY

DAY IS WORTH LIVING WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO EAT NEXT AT ALL TIMES. — NORA EPHRON



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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.

Subject: MOTELS & HOTELS Each answer is the name of a hotel or motel. (e.g., This Las Vegas Strip luxury hotel/casino's signature attraction is the Fountains. Answer: Bellagio.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL 1. In the film "Psycho," Anthony Perkins plays the proprietor of this motel. Answer

2. What was the name of the hotel in the

Eagles' 1977 hit single record? Answer 3. In the film "The Shining," Jack Torrance (Jack Nicholson) is the caretaker of this hotel.

**GRADUATE LEVEL** 4. John Cleese portrayed Basil, the owner of this dysfunctional hotel in a TV series. Answer

5. Jodie Foster and Beau Bridges star in the film version of this John Irving novel. Answer 6. Name the Las Vegas casino hotel

Answer PH.D. LEVEL

shaped like a pyramid.

Answer

7. This historic luxury hotel in Singapore was named after a British statesman.

8. The line "People come, people go. Nothing ever happens." Is from this 1932 film. Answer\_

9. This 2014 comedy film is set in the fictional European country of Zubrowka.

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?

Grand Hotel O. Railles Hotel New Hotel. 8. Grand Hotel. 9. "The Grand Budapest Grand Hotel. 9. "The Grand Budapest Hotel." California. 3. Overlook Hotel. 4. Fawlty ANSWERS: 1. Bates Motel. 2. Hotel

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## Sitka by the Stars

For Saturday, April 26, 2025

The emotional intensity that was present earlier in the week returns today, making the atmosphere ripe for temper tantrums, arguments and messy situations. We should avoid an "act first, think later" approach. Caution is called for with decision-making, and we'll find that cooler heads will prevail. On a more positive note, the cosmic weather for today is perfect for doing anything that might be physically challenging, like exercise, dancing or sports. Moving our bodies can be a good way to work off any stress we're feeling.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's not the best day for participating in a group project as there's too much room for conflict. Enjoy some me-time.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Don't push yourself too hard. You need a break. **GEMINI** 

(May 21 to June 20) Avoid getting into petty disagreements. You have better uses for your time

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You could be feeling some stress

regarding your money. Perhaps it's time to update your financial plan. (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Being open and honest about your feelings or concerns can help diffuse a potential power struggle.

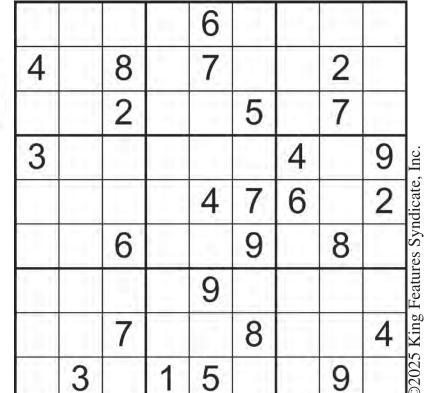
Recognize what is your job to fix and what isn't. You're not a superhero, and that's OK! **LIBRA** 

## VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

# Sudoku

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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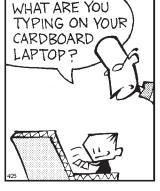
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Sudoku increases from Monday to Friday. Each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

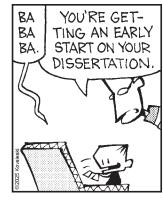
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#### SATURDAY'S CARTOON...







### **Thousands Mourn Pope; Funeral Mass Saturday**

By COLLEEN BARRY Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — More than 250,000 people paid their last respects to Pope Francis over three days of public viewing by ordinary mourners, church and political leaders that ended today, when his coffin was sealed ahead of his state funeral in St. Peter's Square and burial in a basilica outside the Vatican's walls.

World leaders, including U.S. President Donald Trump and Argentine President Javier Milei, along with royalty, converged on Rome for the funeral. But the group of marginalized people who will meet his casket in a small crosstown basilica are more in keeping with Francis' humble persona and disdain for pomp.

The Vatican said that 164 delegations are confirmed, including 54 heads of state and 12 reigning sovereigns. French President Emmanuel Macron, who will also attend the funeral, was among those who made it in time to pay last respects to the pope.

Paying respects
Tens of thousands of mourners

waited hours in line over three days to bid farewell to Francis, who died Monday after suffering a stroke at the age of 88. A higher-than-expected turnout prompted the Vatican to extend the basilica's opening hours overnight.

Angele Bilegue, a nun, was among the last mourners. It was her third time to pay her respects, including once inside the Vatican at his residence in the Santa Marta Domus, where she said she spent six hours praying at his coffin

"He was my friend, so I went one last time to say goodbye," she said. "I cried"

A changing of the guards at Francis' open coffin signaled the end of the viewing period of the pontiff, who was laid out in red robes, a bishop's pointed miter and a rosary entwined in his hands. He was being buried with his well-worn black shoes, including scuff marks on the toe — emblematic of the simple life he espoused.

Cardinal Kevin Farrell presided over the closing and sealing of the coffin in his role of camerlengo, or interim Vatican administrator.

### Judge Accused of Helping Man Evade ICE Agents

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The FBI today arrested a Milwaukee judge accused of helping a man evade immigration authorities, escalating a clash between the Trump administration and local authorities over the Republican president's sweeping immigration crackdown.

Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge Hannah Dugan is accused of escorting the man and his lawyer out of her courtroom through the jury door last week after learning that immigration authorities were seeking his arrest. The man was taken into custody outside the courthouse after agents chased him on foot.

President Donald Trump's administration has accused state and local officials of interfering with his immigration enforcement priorities. The arrest also comes amid a growing battle between the administration and the federal judiciary over the president's executive actions over deportations and other matters.

Dugan was taken into custody by the FBI this morning on the courthouse grounds, according to U.S. Marshals Service spokesperson Brady Mc-Carron. She appeared briefly in federal court in Milwaukee later today before being released from custody. She faces charges of "concealing an individual to prevent his discovery and arrest" and obstructing or impeding a proceeding.

"Judge Dugan wholeheartedly regrets and protests her arrest. It was not made in the interest of public safety," her attorney, Craig Mastantuono, said during the hearing. He declined to comment to an Associated Press reporter following her court appearance.

Democratic Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, in a statement on the arrest, accused the Trump administration of repeatedly using "dangerous rhetoric to attack and attempt to undermine our judiciary at every level."

"I will continue to put my faith in our justice system as this situation plays out in the court of law," he said.

Court papers suggest Dugan was alerted to the presence of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in the courthouse by her clerk, who was informed by an attorney that they appeared to be in the hallway.

## Trump Says Deal Near; Russia Keeps Crimea

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — U.S. President Donald Trump said in an interview published today that "Crimea will stay with Russia," the latest example of how he's pressuring Ukraine to make concessions to end the war while the country remains under siege.

He also demanded on social media that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy "IMMEDIATELY" sign a long-delayed agreement giving the United States access to his nation's mineral resources.

With Trump envoy Steve Witkoff making another visit to Moscow to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin today, Trump wrote that "SUCCESS seems to be in the future!"

Progress on ending the war has been elusive in the months since Trump returned to the White House, and his previous claims of imminent breakthroughs have failed to come to fruition. Russia continued its bombardment of Ukraine today, killing three people with a drone strike on an apartment building in a southeastern city.

Despite a rare admonishment of Putin this week, Trump's focus has largely been on urging Zelenskyy to cut a deal that would involve ceding territory to Ukraine's invader. In an interview with Time magazine, Trump described Crimea as a place where Russia has "had their submarines" and "the people speak largely Russian."

"Crimea will stay with Russia," Trump said. "And Zelensky understands that, and everybody understands that it's been with them for a long time. It's been with them long before Trump came along."

When asked by reporters, Zelenskyy said he didn't want to comment on Trump's statement but repeated, as he has many times during the war, that recognizing occupied Ukrainian territory as Russian is a red line for his country.

Crimea is a strategic peninsula along the Black Sea in southern Ukraine. It was seized by Russia in 2014, while President Barack Obama was in office, years before Russia's full-scale invasion of its neighbor in 2022.

#### Disagreements over next steps

Trump has been accusing Zelenskyy of prolonging the war by resisting negotiations with Putin. Western European leaders, however, have accused Putin of dragging his feet in the negotiations and seeking to grab more Ukrainian land while his army has battlefield momentum.

## Santos Gets 7 Years On Fraud, ID Theft Charges

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — Disgraced former U.S. Rep. George Santos was sentenced today to over seven years in prison, sobbing as he learned his punishment for the crimes that led to his expulsion from Congress. Santos, who pleaded guilty last summer to federal wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, appealed for mercy. In a federal court a short drive from his old congressional district, he said through tears that he was "humbled" and "chastised" and realized he had betrayed his constituents' trust.

"I offer my deepest apologies," he said, adding: "I cannot rewrite the past, but I can control the road ahead."

U.S. District Court Judge Joanna Seybert evidently wasn't convinced.

"Where is your remorse? Where do I see it?" she asked as she sentenced him to 87 months behind bars. "It's always someone else's fault." The New York Republican served in Congress less than a year before becoming just the sixth member of the House to be ousted by colleagues.

Santos admitted to deceiving donors and stealing the identities of nearly a dozen people, including his family members, to fund his winning campaign. His plea deal included agreeing to pay roughly \$580,000 in penalties.

"From the moment he declared his candidacy for Congress, Santos leveraged his campaign for his own enrichment and financial benefit," U.S. Attorney John Durham, whose office prosecuted the case, said outside court.

Santos, 36, is due to report to prison July 25. He didn't respond to reporters' shouted questions outside the courthouse, but he had told The Associated Press by text Thursday that he was "ready to face the music."

### Budget ...

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budget bill is subject to amendments in committee, debate on the Senate floor, and then any differences between the House and Senate may be negotiated in a conference committee whose task will be to find a compromise between the two drafts.

"There's a large difference between the House and Senate at this time. There's a lot of work left to do at the conference table," he said.

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## Irked by Trump's Acts, Canadians Avoid U.S.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Diana and Rick Bellamy initially planned to take a Caribbean cruise out of Houston before heading to Laurel, Mississippi, to visit the home of one of their favorite HGTV shows, "Home Town."

The Calgary couple scrapped those plans and vacationed last month along Mexico's Pacific coast instead, put off by U.S. President Donald Trump's trade war with Canada, the insults he's hurled at their homeland, and stories about American border agents searching people's phones and detaining foreigners for minor reasons. She found it ironic that she felt more comfortable traveling to Mexico than the U.S.

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Trump's attacks on Canada's economy and threats to make it the 51st state have infuriated Canadians, who are canceling trips to the U.S. in big numbers. They also seem to have also flipped the narrative heading into Canada's parliamentary elections on Monday, with Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberal Party surging after trailing far behind in the polls just a few months ago.

A steep decline
The U.S. gets more visitors from Canada each year than from any other country, according to the U.S. Travel Association, an industry trade group, which said the 20.4 million visits from Canada last year generated \$20.5 billion in spending.

But there has been a big drop in foreigners traveling to the U.S. since Trump took office, and Canadians are no exception. There were more than 910,000 fewer land border crossings from Canada into the U.S. last month than in March of 2024 — a more than 22% drop — according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection data. An Air Canada spokesman, meanwhile, said Canada-U.S. flight bookings for April through September are down about 10%.

Trump brushed aside the decline in tourism to the United States on Wednesday, saying, "There's a little nationalism there I guess, perhaps. It's not a big deal."

Since Trump started his second term, there have been well-publicized reports of tourists being stopped at U.S. border crossings and held for weeks at immigration detention facilities before being allowed to fly home at their own expense.

On March 3, Canadian Jasmine Mooney, an actor and entrepreneur on a U.S. work visa, was detained by U.S. border agents in San Diego. She was released after 12 days detention.

Before Mooney's release, British Columbia Premier David Eby expressed concern, saying: "It certainly reinforces anxiety that ... many Canadians have about our relationship with the U.S. right now, and the unpredictability of this administration and its actions."

The Canadian Association of University Teachers, which represents faculty and staff at Canadian universities, warned its members against nonessential travel to the U.S. due to the "political landscape" under Trump and reports of Canadians encountering difficulties crossing the border.

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ing work for the conference as AASG registrars.

Wingard said today she and Moses "worked together for the last few months organizing the schedule for the conference, finding donors and prepping all of the goodie bags and all the activities and reaching out to all of the different businesses in Sitka to make sure that we could get this to happen for the 306 people who are here," including all participating students and their advisors.

Local donors include ACE Hardware, AC Lakeside, the Hames Corporation, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Sitka Police Department, and Allen Marine Tours. The Alaska Raptor Center and Fortress of the Bear donated their time and facilities for student field trips.

Twenty-one students from SHS and MEHS and three from Pacific High School are participating in the conference. This is the first time that PHS students have attended the conference, said Sitka High teacher Freddie Charbonneau, who is a conference co-host. The other co-host is MEHS teacher Jack Davis.

Many Sitka students have been working during lunch breaks and on weekends the past few weeks to set up the conference, and they're now stewards for the conference.

Mt. Edgecumbe High was host for conferences in 2009 and 2015, but this is the first with Sitka High as host.

Moses, a MEHS junior from Fairbanks, said today that, as she attends her third AASG conference, she's "excited to see everyone because it's a good opportunity for me to be a leader because I'm a registrar."

She said she recognizes people whom she met during the spring 2024 conference in Utqiagvik and at the 2024 fall conference in Delta Junction, and is now happy to offer them support at a home conference.

"I just love doing that, I love helping, so it's really exciting," Moses said. She noted that AASG resolutions sometimes lead to changes at local school districts. A resolution the student organization adopted last spring urged school districts in northern Alaska to improve mental health resources. Since that resolution passed, some schools in Utqiagvik have established spaces where students can decompress and access support, Moses said.

"That's what AASG is all about," Moses said. "If you have an issue or problem, you send it into the resolutions."

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