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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 across Alaska Thursday. The Alaska Association of Student Government's spring conference will run for three days and is sponsored by the 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 three-day 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, Unalak, 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 including 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 organization. **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 committee'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 Jensen 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 half-time intervention at Blatchley because we lost grant funding," she said.

Though the amount of funding to be expected from the state isn't known, Jensen 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 Jensen 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 already 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, Jensen 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, Jensen noted, from a bit over \$16,000 for part time staff to \$155,000 for certified full time staff.

"We should be definitely focusing 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, Jensen 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 positions.

"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.

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 "essential."

"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.

From there, it would go to the House for approval.

<https://alaskabeacon.com/corinne-smith>



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 more and more gray whales visiting waters near Sitka. Roughly 150 to 200 gray whales appeared in the Sound last spring. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

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.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Matthew	John	John	Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews
28.1-20	20.1-31	21.1-25	4.1-13	4.14-5.14	6.1-20	7.1-28

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

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

CALVARY CHAPEL SITKA

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

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

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

GRACE HARBOR

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

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http://sitkaadventistchurch.org
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Saturday
Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Saturday
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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 CHURCH

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
sitkaauufellowship@gmail.com facebook.com/SitkaUUU
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.
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605 Lincoln Street • 747-8371
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Sunday: 10 a.m. Mass
Confessions: Saturdays 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. or by appointment 907-747-8371
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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

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303 Kimsham St., 747-8775
Pastor Bennie Grace Nabua
E-mail: umc@umcsitka.com, Website: umcsitka.com
Sunday Morning Service @10, Sunday Children's Church @10
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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.

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 Fellowship.

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 eye-witness testimonies of the main characters.

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 Coalition.

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 Get-aways 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 information.

Family Kayaani Walks Planned

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

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

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

For information or to register, contact Anna at 907 966-9662, or sign up: https://forms.gle/wsrVH2bXgJrivz3f9

Irene Shuler Dies at Age 85

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

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 four-part 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.

Register ★ ★ to ★ ★ VOTE

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 Sitka, 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.

Election questions? Contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 907.747.1826 or 907.747.1811.
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★ 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 DOE

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

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

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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.

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 Campus.

"By the end of 1928, all three Fail sisters will be tragically dead – expiring in reverse order, youngest to oldest, from blunt object to the head, disappearance, and finally consumption," a press release from the Fine Arts Camp said. "But as tragic as it sounds, we'll be smiling on the journey, with a whimsical chorus of talking dogs, newspaper reading snakes, escape artist paraquets, annoyed clocks, and singing gramophones. 'Failure: A Love Story' is a beautiful, weird, magical fable where, in the end, the power of love is tested against the power of love, in a world where nothing is guaranteed."

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

Sunshine Corner

These ads are FREE!

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

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, please 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 Outdoor Gear Swap, 5211 Halibut Point Road

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 open

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 School

7 p.m. Young Performers Theater play, "Failure: A Love Story," Odess Theater

7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's Church basement, call 907-747-8866, potluck upstairs at 6 p.m. on last Saturday of the month

SUNDAY

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

2 p.m. Young Performers Theater play, "Failure: A Love Story," Odess Theater

3 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 open

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

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 907 747-1811.

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 options:

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, May 9.

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

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


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

Herring Protectors Run Run, Walk Set


The Herring Protectors 5K fun run and 2-mile walk will be held 10 a.m. Sunday, May 4.

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 907 738-5515.



Critter Corner



SITKA ANIMAL SHELTER


SITKA ALASKA

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 together.

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

Call about a subscription to your hometown newspaper. Daily Sentinel • 747-3219

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 bid is one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars. Bids received later than 2:00:00 p.m. will be rejected.

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

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

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

Stan Eliason, Harbormaster
Published: April 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 2025

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

YES NO

Informational: See proposed Ordinance No. 2024-33.

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

(1) is at least 18 years old; and

(2) has been a resident and registered to vote in the municipality for at least 30 days immediately prior to the election; and

(3) is a citizen of the United States; and

(4) is qualified to vote in State elections; and

(5) is registered to vote in State elections in the precinct in which that person seeks to vote in municipal elections.

ABSENTEE VOTING:

(1) Application for an absentee ballot by mail may be made with the Municipal Clerk until 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2025.

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

(3) 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 Election Day.

POLLING PLACES for each precinct on Election Day, May 28, are as follows:

SITKA No. 1 (02-765) HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL 330 Harbor Drive – Meeting Rooms 5 & 6

SITKA No. 2 (02-770) HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL 330 Harbor Drive – Meeting Rooms 2 & 3

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 premiertrainin-gak@gmail.com.



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Friday - Thursday: 7:30

BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!

Sitka Rose Awards Event Tonight At Community House

Sitkans Against Family Violence 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

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 scam..

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

parked at Pioneer Park was advised by police that the park closes at 10 p.m.

Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department received two ambulance calls Thursday.

Prescription Drug 'Take Back' Listed

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

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

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

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

Community Orchestra Concert Staged Tonight

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

The orchestra is conducted by Drew Larson. Sitkans of all ages will play the music they have been rehearsing since January. Entry is free; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

For information, contact City of Sitka Parks and Recreation at recreation@cityofsitka.org or 907 747-4031.

Blessing of Fleet Slated for May 4

The public is invited to the annual Blessing of the Fleet and Mariners Memorial 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at the Crescent Harbor Shelter.

The ceremony includes the U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard, local musicians, scripture readings and blessings by local clergy, bell-ringing, and the reading of mariners' names who have passed since last year's ceremony.

A wreath and flowers will be taken out to sea by the Sitka Harbor Department to honor the departed.

The blessing is sponsored by Southeast Alaska Women in Fisheries and Sitka Lutheran Church. Call Bronwyn Walton at 505 269-0906 with any questions.

Sitka History Class Offered April 26

Sitka Maritime Heritage Society will offer a class on Sitka's history for tour guides and other interested members of the public 1-4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

The class, taught by Rebecca Poulson, will give an overview of Sitka's history with a focus on the late 1700s to the late 1800s and will include slides and artifacts.

Also it will include a handout of milestone events in Sitka's history.

The cost of the class is \$40 and tickets can be purchased online at sitka-maritime.org, at Old Harbor Books, or

Fifth-Grade Band Concert May 5

The fifth-grade band "Hello Summer Concert" will be held 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, at the Sitka Performing Arts Center.

The concert will include full band pieces as well as one piece featuring each section in the band. Admission is free. All are invited to attend.

Medicare in Alaska Topic of Program

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

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

The free program is open to the public.

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 equipment.

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.com.

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 Lounge. 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 hikes.

The training will be taught by experts from the Walk America Project and will include creative ideas for hosting fun and engaging walks that support a variety of paces and ages.

It also will cover leading walks that maximize connection among participants, and a technical toolkit for designing a safe walk.

While the training is free, space is limited. The first 10 participants to register will receive a walking leader kit. Registration can be found on www.recreation.cityofsitka.com.

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. Edgumbe 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 fund.

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 Harper Glazer at harper.glazer@sitka-tribe-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 library.

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TBMP PUBLIC MEETING

HOSTED BY THE:

City & Borough of Sitka TOURISM COMMISSION

WHAT IS TBMP?

Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) is a voluntary program that defines and incentivizes best practices for tourism-related businesses that promote community goals/needs and a high-quality visitor experience. TBMP programs have been used throughout Southeast Alaska as a way to manage tourism in their communities.

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

WEDNESDAY
4/30/2025

MEETING TIME
6:00PM - 9:00PM

HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL HALL

MAIN TOPIC

Public review and feedback on the draft TBMP guidelines

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SENTINEL SPORTS

Ward, Hunter Take Top Spots in NFL Draft

By ROB MAADI
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 Sanders.

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 years ago.

The Jaguars gave the Cleveland Browns a ton to give Hunter that opportunity.

"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 in me."

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 State running back Ashton Jeanty was picked at No. 6 by the Las Vegas Raiders.



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)

ers.

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 their man.

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 Titledown for the festivities.

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 there in 2022 and then set school records in his only season at Miami, finishing

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 three-win 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 to a playoff win. That was back in 2017.

Will Lewis, the 33rd overall pick in 2023, is 5-16 as a starter in his two seasons 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 completed 67.2% of his passes.

The Browns got Jacksonville's first-round pick (No. 5), picks Nos. 36 and 126, and a first-round 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 draft.

Hunter wore a neon pink blazer and flashed a big smile after Jacksonville selected him, even though he hadn't spoken to the team since the scouting combine. He caught 96 passes for 1,258

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 No. 12.

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 Falcons.

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 28th.

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.

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

The Clippers outscored the Nuggets 23-2 over the end of the first quarter and start of the second, with Harden scoring 11 points.

Murray and Jokic combined to score 16 points in the third, when the Nuggets trailed 90-70.

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 said.

Medvejie Solstice Run June 21 at 9 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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 priorities.

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 in the fall."

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 guys."

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 season.

"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 third-most 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.

A's Rally over Rangers in Ninth

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Luis Urias scored on Jacob Wilson's two-out single in the ninth inning as the Athletics rallied to beat the Texas Rangers 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 run.

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)

recorded six outs for the win.

Josh Jung, Jonah Heim and Leody Tavares all hit solo home runs in the fourth inning for the Rangers.

Before the A's rallied, Rangers starter Jacob deGrom was in line get his first win in two years. The right-hander allowed two runs and six hits over 5 1/3 innings.

A's starter J.T. Ginn allowed three runs and six hits in 3 2/3 innings. 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, deGrom fielded a sharp comebacker and caught Urshela in a rundown between third and home for an out.

The A's struck out looking four times against deGrom and seven times overall.

Rangers RHP Nathan Eovaldi (1-2, 2.64 ERA) faces the Giants in San Francisco today. A's RHP Luis Severino (1-3, 3.31) goes against the Chicago White Sox.

Stunt Pilot Holland Dies in Crash

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Rob Holland, a famed acrobatic 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 Aeroports, 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 best-known 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.

"I 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 Airshows.

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 field.

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 blow-out," 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.

Jokic led the Nuggets with 23 points,

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 did tonight and I expect we will."

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 their first lead.

Scotty Pippen scored 28 points, two short of his career high, to lead Memphis. Jaren Jackson Jr. added 22 points as Memphis saw its substantial lead evaporate in the second half.

"Understanding leads," Williams said. "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 own 29-point lead," Gilgeous-Alexander said.

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 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-

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 halftime.

The 29-point comeback was the second-largest in an NBA postseason game since play-by-play data began being recorded in the 1996-97 season.

The only one bigger: A comeback from 31 points down by the Los Angeles Clippers 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,"

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 resentment? -- 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

have an honest talk with him.

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 arrangement 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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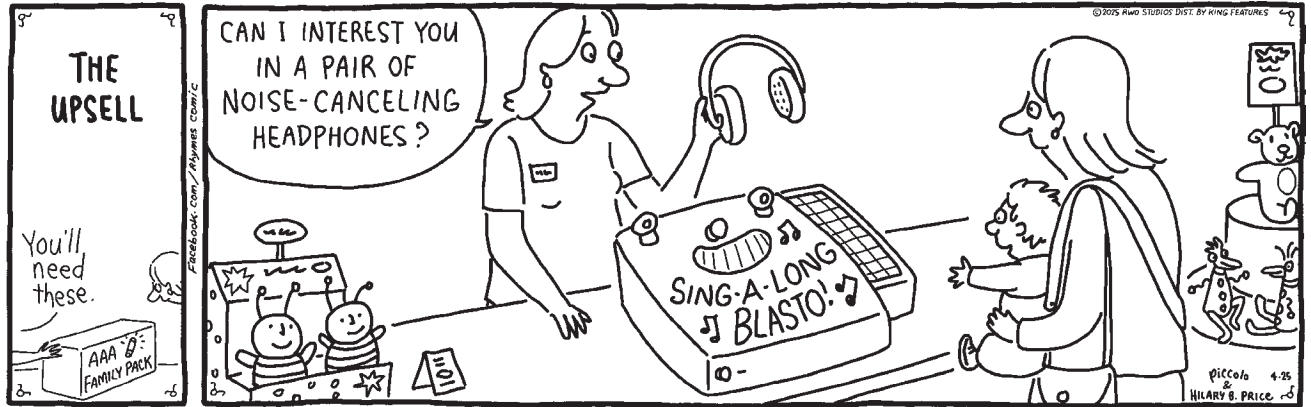
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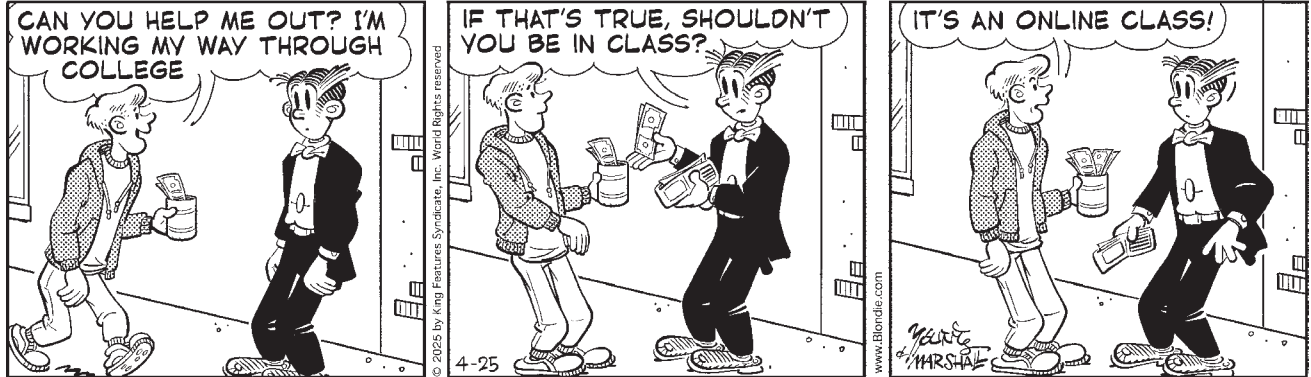
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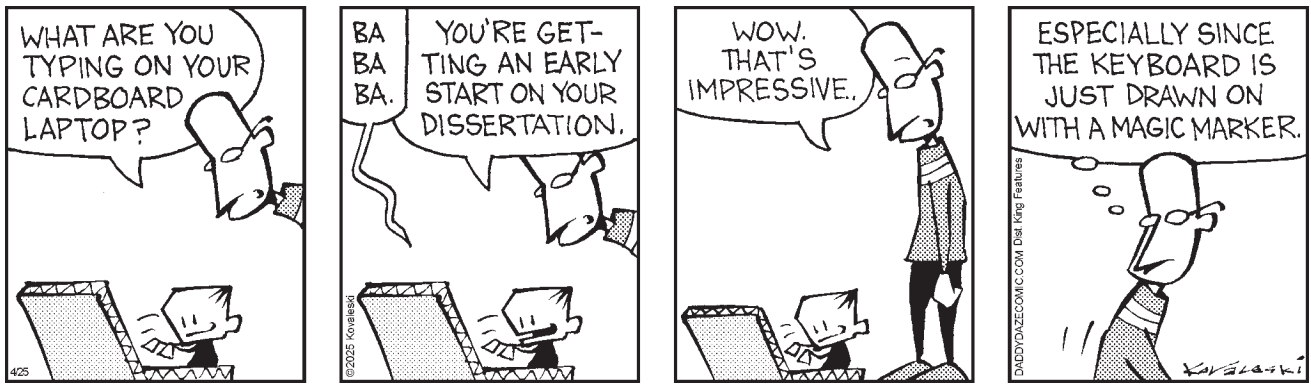
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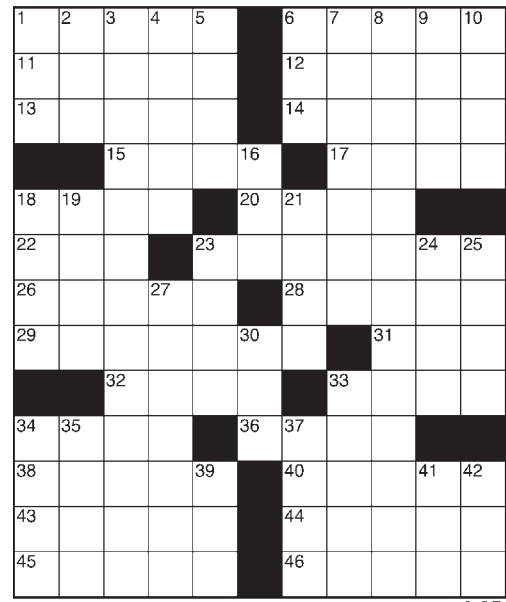
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Yesterday's answer



CRYPTOQUOTE

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

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: 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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ISRAEL AZIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

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

Subject: 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. Answer: _____

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 shaped like a pyramid. Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL
7. This historic luxury hotel in Singapore was named after a British statesman. Answer: _____
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. Answer: _____

SCORING:
18 points -- congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points -- honors graduate; 10 to 14 points -- you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points -- you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points -- enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points -- who reads the questions to you?

ANSWERS: 1. Bates Motel, 2. Hotel Grand Hotel, 9. "The Grand Budapest Hotel," 6. Luxor (Las Vegas), 7. Raffles Hotel, 8. Towers, 5. "The Hotel New Hampshire," California, 3. Overlook Hotel, 4. Fairy

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.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

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

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

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

LIBRA

(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.

SAGITTARIUS

(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. Learning how to let go of a grudge may be something that you need to work on. Still, you have a laidback vibe that often 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 and soul!

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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.

Thousands Mourn Pope; Funeral Mass Saturday

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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

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. Mar-

shals Service spokesperson Brady McCarron. 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.

"I never thought I would hear myself say that," Diane Bellamy said.

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 excep-

tion. 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.

Student . . .

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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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