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## Herring Ladies

**Herring Protectors' Kh'asheechtlaa Louise Brady, center, talks about this weekend's Yaaw Koo. éex' this afternoon at Totem Square. The event celebrates the return of herring to Sitka Sound and the coming of spring. Wearing herring-themed Tlingit robes, the Herring Ladies sang and danced at Totem Square at today's event to**

**commemorate the legend of the Herring Woman who sang at the arrival of the culturally important fish to Sitka Sound. This year's Yaaw Koo. éex' is attracting visitors from across Southeast, as well as Indigenous activists and their allies from the lower 48 and Latin America. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)**

## Quilt Show Opens: Mothers Day Tea Sunday

**ANNA LAFFREY**  
Sentinel Staff Writer

Crews of local quilters assembled at Fraser Hall this morning to hang 92 of their finished pieces in preparation for the opening of the Ocean Wave Quilt Guild show at 5 p.m. this evening.

The show will be open daily through Sunday, May 18 at Fraser Hall, the historic 1911 Sheldon Jackson campus building closest to the Sheldon Jackson Museum.

This year the theme of the quilt show is "Sassy," which "you can interpret in all sorts of different ways," said Janine Holzman, founder and continuous member of the local guild.

Holzman and guild president Megan Pasternak brainstorm the theme each year. Last year's theme was "I never thought...."

Pasternak said the "Sassy" theme this year evoked creations with "sassy colors and sassy titles" that quilters selected based on their own interpretation of the theme.

"Some quilts have some great colors on them that are just sassy to me, and some have subject matter that falls into my idea of sassy," Pasternak said. She said that this year's show has

more large quilts than usual, as well as a "good variety" of quilting techniques and designs.

The annual Sitka show is "a step above" other quilt shows "as far as interesting quilts that people in our guild come up with," Holzman said.

All of the quilts in this year's guild show are being displayed to the public for the first time, she said..

A feature of the traditional Sitka event is the opportunity for visitors to vote on their favorites in the Viewers Choice competition, in the small, medium and large quilt categories, and also on the one that best fits the "Sassy" theme. Winning quilts for each category will be marked with a ribbon.

More than 50 quilters belong to the local guild, and contributed to the show this year, Holzman said.

Members work year round on their creations, hold auctions to fund local scholarships and charitable donations, and gather for quilting retreats where members "sew all day and all night," Holzman said.

Since the first Sitka Quilters Guild quilt show in 1983, it has coincided with the Mother's Day weekend, with visitors invited to an afternoon tea on Sunday, Mothers Day. The traditional



**Janine Holzman holds up one of the quilts that will be on display at Fraser Hall on the SJ campus as part of the Ocean Wave Quilt Guild's annual show. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)**

tea will take place from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at Fraser Hall.

Holzman said the tea is a time for quilters to gather with their families,

and "something to look forward to for non-quilters who just want to come and have a little special occasion."

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## Estimated Costs From Permafrost Thaw Rises

**By YERETH ROSEN**  
Alaska Beacon

Permafrost thaw is expected to impose costs of \$37 billion to \$51 billion to Alaska roads and buildings through the middle of the century, according to a newly published study.

The calculated toll, detailed in a study published in the journal Nature Communications Earth and Environment, is higher than previous estimates of thaw costs to Alaska permafrost. That is because of a more complete inventory of roads, buildings and structures like storage tanks, made possible by improved satellite imagery and other technology, said lead author Elias Manos of the University of Connecticut.

Past studies have estimated several billion dollars in estimated costs. A 2023 study of thaw damages to infrastructure across the Arctic, for example, estimated costs to Alaska transportation facilities at between \$14 billion and \$24.5 billion by midcentury, with another \$3 billion in costs from damages expected to buildings.

As information about existing infrastructure increases, estimates of costs are likely to do so as well, said Manos, who is pursuing the research as he works toward a doctoral degree. Better permafrost modeling could also help refine cost estimates, he said.

An important aspect of the study is that thaw damages analyzed are already ongoing, Manos said.

This number is what has already occurred or what is occurring in the moment, as opposed to what's happening or going to happen the future," he said.

The study compares expected costs under two climate scenarios, one with lower carbon emissions that eventually level off, creating less dramatic global warming, and the other with carbon



**An abandoned house, seen on Aug. 2, 2022, teeters on the edge of a cliff that has eroded away because of permafrost thaw. (Photo by Yereth Rosen/Alaska Beacon)**

emissions continuing at about their current rate, resulting in higher levels of warming.

It also compares effects in different parts of the state.

Measured by dollars, the Fairbanks North Star Borough stands to bear the highest costs, at over \$7.4 billion for buildings and over \$6 billion for roads through the 2060s, under the higher warming scenario. That reflects the concentration of infrastructure in that relatively high-population area, Manos said.

Measured per capita in the higher-warming scenario, the Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area has the highest anticipated costs of permafrost-thaw damages to buildings and houses, the study found.

Even a more southern part of the state, where permafrost exists only in sporadic pockets, is vulnerable to damages, the study found. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough expected to have approximately \$1 billion in permafrost-related costs through the 2060s, almost entirely from damage to roads, according to the study.

While enhanced information about infrastructure has enabled a more refined estimate for thaw-related costs, the infrastructure tally in the new study is incomplete.

It does not include the North Slope oil fields, oil pipelines, the Red Dog Mine or other large industrial sites. Manos said he has analyzed those and plans to include them in future stud-

ies. This study is more focused on communities "where people actually live," he said.

Those communities are also where much of the cost of permafrost thaw is borne, sometimes without much assistance, said study co-author Anna Liljedahl of the Massachusetts-based Woodwell Climate Research Center.

Homeowners can buy flood insurance, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides aid to cover damage caused by various weather and climate events, Liljedahl noted. "But when it comes to permafrost, it's not part of the language at the federal level," she said.

The federal Stafford Act, under which FEMA provides disaster aid, addresses acute events like storms, not ongoing and more gradual events like permafrost thaw.

Thaw can be expensive to homeowners, nonetheless, she said. She cited cases in Fairbanks where people bought property without understanding the permafrost below. "Suddenly, there are sinkholes appearing, and their foundation is sinking in," she said.

The analysis of thaw-related costs to infrastructure is continuing.

The Alaska-focused study is part of a more comprehensive circumpolar mapping project by Manos that also includes Canada and Russia.

Up to now, lack of data about infrastructure has posed a challenge, especially in Russia, he said. That is why satellite imagery is valuable.

"That's kind of the beauty of satellite-based Earth observation, or as people call it, remote sensing," he said. There is now commercial satellite imagery spanning the Arctic, he added.

<https://alaskabeacon.com/yereth-rosen>

## Dunleavy Challenged On Oil Settlements

**By JAMES BROOKS**  
Alaska Beacon

The Alaska Legislature is moving rapidly to pass a bill that would force Gov. Mike Dunleavy's administration to disclose reports that could show the state settling oil tax disputes for significantly less than what is owed.

"This bill shouldn't be necessary, but here we are today," said Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson, D-Anchorage and chair of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, in a Thursday hearing by the House Rules Committee.

"Either the Department of Revenue has already compiled the information requested in the special audit for its own use and is deliberately withholding it from the legislative auditor, or it has failed to do the basic work of calculating the tax, interest, and penalties assessed for each audit cycle," she said. "Frankly, I'm not sure which of those scenarios would be more troubling."

The Senate passed Senate Bill 183 on a 19-0 vote Monday. The House of Representatives could vote on it as soon as today.

Dunleavy could veto it, allow it to pass into law without his signature, or sign it.

If enacted, it would require the executive branch to disclose information "in the form or format requested" by legislative auditors.

Under the Alaska Constitution, the Legislature is responsible for overseeing executive branch operations, but since 2019, the legislative auditor has been unable to properly examine the part of the Department of Revenue that audits tax payments by oil and gas companies.

"In the past, the Department of Revenue provided the Legislature with organized summaries showing the total amount of additional tax, interest and penalties assessed for each annual tax cycle," Gray-Jackson said. "However, the department now claims it is only required to provide access to raw data, not to compile or categorize information in a usable format, as it had done previously."

Though legislators can examine raw data, they don't have the resources to process them. The change makes an-

alyzing the executive branch's actions impossible, Gray-Jackson said.

Legislators have written letters and asked for access, to no avail.

"Unfortunately, the issue remains unresolved, and the auditor still cannot complete this important audit, which concerns the oversight of billions of dollars in state oil and gas revenue," she said.

Until 2019, the first year of Dunleavy's administration, Department of Revenue tax auditors regularly published a memo summarizing total tax and interest assessed after its annual audit cycle.

By combining that information with the amount paid in settlements, lawmakers and the public could see what share of assessed taxes and interest were being paid.

Without the tax and interest information, it's not clear how oil companies' settlement payments compare with the original state assessments.

Under the Alaska Constitution, the Legislature is responsible for overseeing executive branch operations, and the memo was part of that oversight.

When the memos stopped, legislative auditors asked for them and were told that they were now confidential.

At the time, members of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee were so concerned that they commissioned a special audit of the executive branch's auditors.

For five years, they've been unsuccessful. Members of the executive branch say they're not required to turn over compiled reports, only raw data.

"That interpretation overturns long-standing precedent," said legislative auditor Kris Curtis, "and it essentially limits the oversight by the Legislature. The fear is that state agencies from here on out will refuse to provide or compile data in any type format for future legislative audits."

Destin Greeley, an audit supervisor for the Department of Revenue, testified Thursday that providing what Curtis requested "is creating this new work product that is very time-consuming

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## Recital to Feature Dancers of All Ages

**GARLAND KENNEDY**  
Sentinel Staff Writer

Dancers of all ages will perform Saturday in the Sitka Studio of Dance spring recital, showing off dance styles from traditional ballet to hip hop and jazz.

The recital, at the Performing Arts Center, will be in two sections, one for smaller kids starting at 2 p.m., and one for older dancers starting at 7 p.m.

The array of dance styles will vary widely as noted by the recital's theme, "Dancing Through Time," said Kincaid Parsons, acting director of the Sitka Studio of Dance.

"We have a lot of ballet and a lot of hip hop right now at the dance studio, so you'll definitely see ballet and hip hop," Parsons said. "We have some jazz classes, we have modern (numbers), we have lyrical, we have a musical theater class.... We have some things on point, so you'll see dancers up on their toes."

The older dancers' recital will have live cello accompaniment for one piece, and throughout the show there will be classical musical numbers alongside the more modern.

Choreographers for each piece on display have had a free hand in designing their performances, Parsons said.

"We have ballet to Cyndi Lauper; we have modern dance to Brahms. We've got everything going on," he said.

Between the two recital sessions, "it's a whole afternoon of dance," Parsons said.

About 65 performers are lined up for the younger kids' show and 32 for the evening performances, both at the Performing Arts Center.

"It's a treat to be able to watch local Sitkans do art in that facility, and I think supporting young local artists is crucial," Parsons said. "A lot of times, there are forces at play to limit the after-school activities that students are able to participate in. So whether it's Sitka Studio of Dance, or it's Sitka Cirque, or it's any of the numerous theater programs here in town, it's great to just go support that."

In age, the dancers range from 4 to their forties, he noted. "It's not just for a certain age group, a certain demographic: anyone can get up on their feet and dance, and that's just sort of the message."

Parsons has danced since he was 4, and said he finds dance to be an expression of personal and artistic liberation.

"That's really freeing, to be able to



### NEXT SHIPS

**Saturday, May 10**  
950 Passengers  
(capacity)

**NG Venture**  
Gary Paxton Industrial Park  
7am – 6pm

**Seven Seas Explorer**  
Sitka Cruise Terminal  
8am – 5pm

**Monday, May 12**  
6612 Passengers  
(capacity)

**Seabourn Quest**  
O'Connell Bridge  
7am – 3pm

**Summit**  
Sitka Cruise Terminal  
7am – 3:30pm

**Norwegian Bliss**  
Sitka Cruise Terminal  
10am – 6pm

**NOTE: All info based on data available at press time. Subject to change.**



Letters to the Editor

SFAC Funding Cuts

**Dear Editor:** I write with a heavy heart regarding the recent decision to suspend a major National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant to the Sitka Fine Arts Camp (SFAC). Such abrupt cuts undermine SFAC’s ability to provide high-quality arts instruction to our youth and denies them the benefit of all the transferable skills the arts have to offer. Both my boys attended camp and grew tremendously from taking theater improv classes, which gave them tools to overcome their fear of public speaking in classes and meetings.

We are not alone. Arts institutions like SFAC and others nationwide are grappling with the sudden loss of funding that directly impacts performances, camps, recitals, productions, storytelling and artwork created by artists of all ages and backgrounds. These contributions are vital as they profoundly enhance our understanding of society, culture, and ourselves.

Federal funding is more than symbolic—it provides essential resources allowing organizations to nurture emerging talent, mount significant performances, and serve communities meaningfully. The withdrawal of these funds creates severe financial strains, jeopardizing camps like ours and the long-term sustainability of arts organizations around the country.

Despite these significant challenges, we remain steadfastly committed to our mission to “build community by providing opportunities in arts, culture and recreation in an inclusive, educational and inspirational environment.” I urge all Alaskans to rally around SFAC, ensuring they continue their vital work providing invaluable arts education opportunities for Alaska’s youth. Your public engagement, advocacy, and financial support are crucial now more than ever. Let us affirm together that the arts are indispensable-not expendable—for our children’s sake and for our collective future.

If you would like to donate to SFAC, please contact if you would like to donate to SFAC, please visit our website at <https://www.fineartscamp.org/donate.html> or call (907) 747-3085.

**Paul Cox, PhD  
Board Member, SFAC**

No on Measure 1

**Dear Editor:** I work for Shee Atiká, the Alaska Native Corporation representing approximately 3,500 shareholders, a quarter of which live in Sitka.

We have invested millions of dollars in our Adventure Park located out HPR. We are creating a new space for visitors to enjoy nature while helping to alleviate congestion downtown. On May 28th there will be a special election and Sitkan’s will vote on Ballot Measure 1, an initiative to limit cruise visitors in Sitka. Please Vote No.

Cruise tourism benefits our shareholder base, all Alaska Natives, and all Alaskans who live in Southeast Alaska regardless of your opinion on the number of visitors we should have. We need the cruise industry just as much as we need the fishing industry. The fishing industry is struggling so we cannot and should not rely on our fishermen to cover the gap in city revenue that would result if we do not Vote No. How are we going to pay the bills knowing that federal and state funding is decreasing? The city will not have enough revenue to support all the programs it currently funds such as the Performing Arts Center, let alone essential services like police and fire. Why? Because the city relies heavily on sales tax revenue generated by cruise visitor spending.

In addition to city services, we need to support our small businesses who rely heavily on cruise visitors to make a living. Who is sponsoring your kid’s baseball team? Small businesses. When your favorite non-profit is looking for board members, who is stepping up? Small businesses owners. They do so much for Sitka and are the heart of our community and economy. Now is the time for us to stand up for the small businesses!

On May 28, join Shee Atiká, Vote No on Ballot Measure 1. Gunalchéesh. **Ptarmica Garnick, Sitka**

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Vote No on Prop 1

**Dear Editor:** As a Tier 3 teacher in Alaska, I’m part of one of the most underfunded and unstable retirement systems in the country – with no true pension, no access to Social Security, and limited retirement security. This is a key reason Alaska faces one of the highest teacher turnover rates.

Despite these challenges, I choose to stay and teach in Sitka because I love this community, I love my students, and I want my two young boys to grow up here, just like I did. Tourism has helped me and many others in our community supplement our income, support our families, and build some form of retirement savings.

As a lifelong Sitkan, I know firsthand how essential after-school programs and youth activities are for our children—they helped shape my own life and offer belonging and support to kids who need it most. Without the funding tourism provides, these opportunities are at risk. This isn’t just about tourism—it’s about protecting the future of our families, our children, and our community. Vote NO on Proposition 1.

**Jered Rivera, Sitka**

No on Ballot Measure

**Dear Editor:** Sitka is my home – a place where I grew up, found love, pursued my career, and raised my family. As a public school teacher, I take immense pride in what we achieve together as a community. I’ve witnessed firsthand how we unite to support our students and neighbors. Our rural location makes us unique, and we depend on one another to help Sitka thrive.

Ballot Measure 1 threatens the very heart of our town. If passed, it will force many working families to leave, weaken funding for schools and infrastructure, and transform Sitka into a VRBO and retirement enclave. This measure stifles equitable dialogue, problem-solving, and balance. It discourages collaboration and silences the voices of Sitkans who rely on the visitor industry.

Like many, I work in tourism during the summer to support my family. Without this opportunity, Sitka will no longer be affordable for me, and I’ll be forced to leave the home I love.

I urge you to VOTE NO on Ballot Measure 1. Let’s preserve our community’s spirit by fostering respectful, collaborative conversations that seek balance and hope for Sitka’s future.

With Respect,

**Kailee Martensen, Sitka  
Xoots Elementary School  
Special Ed Teacher  
Tourism Season Boat Captain**

AASG Conference Thanks

**Dear Editor:** I would like to thank the community for working with us to host the Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG) conference. It was a remarkable gathering that brought together 300 student leaders from across Alaska, fostering collaboration, the sharing of ideas, and strengthening the bonds between our schools.

The visit was co-hosted by the Student Councils at Sitka and Mt. Edgecumbe High Schools and their respective advisers, Frederique Charbonneau and Jack Davis. Together, they created an enriching program that included a virtual address by Sen. Lisa Murkowski, presentations by the Dignity Index, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, the Sitka Youth Leadership Coalition and others. The U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard led the opening ceremonies.

An event this large doesn’t just happen. In addition to the two advisers, a plethora of students and teachers donated their time and energy to make it a success. SHS Activities Director Rich Krupa worked tirelessly to ensure that participants were housed, fed, and transported. Thank you to the SHS Foods students (and Meggan Turner and her paraeducator team!) who handled the meal preparation.

None of this would have been possible without the generosity of the following:

Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska provided a truck in Juneau so Meggan Turner could get the staples we needed to feed 300 people over the three days

Alaska Airlines donated cargo shipping

Sea Mart and AC Lakeside donated fresh fruits, vegetables and other perishables

Ace Hardware donated materials and supplies for enrichment activities  
Fortress of the Bear and the Raptor Center offered participants free admission

Allen Marine GENEROUSLY provided two boats and crew so all 300 participants could see the beauty of Sitka from the water. For some of the visitors, this was their first trip on the open ocean and their first sightings of whales, otters, sea lions and other wildlife

Island Bus and Trudy Prewitt made sure all participants were transported safely from place to place.

We are proud of the efforts of our students and the positive influence they are having on their peers. This event was a true testament to the strength and potential of student leadership in our state.

**Laura Rogers,  
Principal, Sitka High School**

Poll: Majority Dislikes Trump College Threats

By JOCELYN GECKER  
and LINLEY SANDERS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of U.S. adults disapprove of President Donald Trump’s handling of issues related to colleges and universities, according to a new poll, as his administration ramps up threats to cut federal funding unless schools comply with his political agenda.

More than half of Americans, 56%, disapprove of the Republican president’s approach on higher education, the survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds, while about 4 in 10 approve, in line with his overall job approval.

Since taking office in January, Trump has tried to force change at universities he says have become hotbeds of liberalism and antisemitism. The spotlight most recently has been on Harvard University, where Trump’s administration has frozen more than \$2.2 billion in federal grants, threatened to strip the school’s tax-exempt status, and demanded broad policy changes.

The Trump administration also has cut off money to other elite colleges, including Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University, over issues including the handling of pro-Palestinian activism and transgender athletes’ participation in women’s sports. Harvard has framed the government’s demands as a threat to the autonomy that the Supreme Court has long granted American universities.

The poll shows a disconnect between the Trump administration’s targeting of universities and an American public that sees them as key to scientific research, new ideas and innovative technology. About 6 in 10 U.S. adults say colleges and universities make more of a positive contribution to medical and scientific research than a negative one, and a similar share favors maintaining federal funding for scientific research.

“Let’s talk about Harvard for a minute,” said Freddy Ortega, 66, a Democrat and a retired military veteran in Columbus, Georgia. “The way he took away all that money in funding, impacting things that Harvard has been working on for the betterment of the world.”

“One man should not have that much power,” Ortega continued. “This is something for Congress to deal with.”

Ortega, who’s Hispanic, also said he’s concerned about Trump’s attempts to dismantle diversity, equity and inclusion programs across U.S. society. “I came up in the military. I know the

good that those programs do,” he said. “It changes the direction that people’s lives are going to take.”

**Republicans are divided on cuts to colleges’ federal funding**

Trump’s stance on higher education resonates more strongly with Republicans, most of whom see college campuses as places where conservatives are silenced and liberal ideas run unchecked. About 8 in 10 Republicans approve of how Trump is handling issues related to colleges and universities — which, notably, is higher than the share of Republicans, 70%, who approve of his handling of the economy — and about 6 in 10 say they’re “extremely” or “very” concerned about liberal bias on campus.

Republicans are more divided, however, on withholding federal funding from schools unless they bow to Trump’s demands. About half are in favor, while about one-quarter are opposed and a similar share are neutral. “I’m all for it,” said Republican voter Hengameh Abraham, 38, a mother of two in Roseville, California. She supports cutting federal funds and opposes DEI programs, saying she emigrated to America from Iran as a teenager and worked hard to get ahead in school without the help of affirmative action programs.

“Your racial identity, nationality and background should not be a factor in getting accepted to college or getting a job,” said Abraham. She supports Trump’s focus on campus antisemitism. When pro-Palestinian protests swept U.S. colleges last year, some of the demonstrators’ messaging was anti-U.S., she said.

“I do not think if you have any kind of anti-American agenda or slogan that you should be allowed on a university campus in the United States,” she said.

In Harvard’s case, Trump has threatened to remove its tax-exempt status, and his administration has implemented funding cuts. Those measures are divisive among the general public: Nearly half oppose withholding federal funding as a punitive action, while about one-quarter favor it. About one-quarter are neutral.

Charles Jolivet, 43, a college career counselor who lives in New Orleans, sees Trump’s education policies as an attack on free speech and people of color.

“Not only is the president going after anyone he feels is an opponent and anyone who is not compliant, but he’s attacking some of the most important elements of our society,” said Jolivet, a Democrat. “It’s rampant bullying from the president of the United States, who is supposed to be crossing the aisle.”

Poets Have Harsh Words For Trump in Library Firing

By HILLEL ITALIE  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Outgoing U.S. poet laureate Ada Limón and her two immediate predecessors, Joy Harjo and Tracy K. Smith, are condemning President Donald Trump’s firing of Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden, who had appointed each of them to their positions.

“Dr. Carla Hayden is the kindest, brightest, most generous Librarian of Congress we could have hoped for as a nation,” Limón, who last month completed a three-year run as poet laureate, said in a statement today.

Weather

Sitka Forecast

For tonight a low of 40 degrees with rain and wind 10-15 mph. On Saturday expect a high of 48 degrees with rain, and an overnight low of 41 degrees with a 40 percent chance of rain then cloudy. Sunday’s forecast is for a high of 54 degrees and partly sunny followed by an overnight low of 41 degrees and partly cloudy. Monday’s forecast is for a high of 54 degrees and a 30 percent chance of rain.

Sitka Weather

Temperatures ranged from 42 to 51 degrees, winds were calm and .09 inch of rain fell in the 24 hours ending at midnight last night, the National Weather Service said.

Sitka Yesterday

20 YEARS AGO  
May 2005

Camille Joy Skannes, a 2005 Sitka High graduate, has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. She was nominated by Peggy Boydston, business English teacher. She is the daughter of John and Joan Skannes.

50 YEARS AGO  
May 1975

Chamber Notes by Jim Davis, manager: Due to a tremendous effort by the City and Borough government, Halibut Point Highway will see the beginning of its rebuilding this summer. New water mains in a portion of it is a first step. ... The complete rebuilding from the entrance of Lake Street to Davidoff Street will be finished next summer.

Military Ordered to Pull Library Books with DEI

By LOLITA C. BALDOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has ordered all military leaders and commands to pull and review all of their library books that address diversity, anti-racism or gender issues by May 21, according to a memo issued to the force today.

It is the broadest and most detailed directive so far on Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth’s campaign to rid the military of diversity and equity programs, policies and instructional materials. And it follows similar efforts to remove hundreds of books from the libraries at the military academies.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of the memo, which was signed today by Timothy Dill, who is performing the duties of the defense undersecretary for personnel.

Educational materials at the libraries “promoting divisive concepts and gender ideology are incompatible with the Department’s core mission,” the memo states, adding that department leaders must “promptly identify” books that are not compatible with that mission and sequester them by May 21.

By then, the memo says, additional guidance will be provided on how to cull that initial list and determine what should be removed and “determine an appropriate ultimate disposition” for those materials. It does not say what will happen to the books or whether they will be stored away or destroyed.

According to the memo, a temporary Academic Libraries Committee set up by the department will provide

information on the review and decisions about the books. That panel provided a list of search terms to use in the initial identification of the books to be pulled and reviewed.

The search terms include: affirmative action, anti-racism, critical race theory, discrimination, diversity, gender dysphoria, gender identity and transition, transgender, transsexual and white privilege.

Early last month the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, removed nearly 400 books from its library after being told by Hegseth’s office to get rid of those that promote DEI.

About two weeks later, the Army and Air Force libraries were told to go through their stacks to find books related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

The Naval Academy’s purge led to the removal of books on the Holocaust, histories of feminism, civil rights and racism, and Maya Angelou’s famous autobiography, “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings,” based on the list of 381 books that have been taken out of its library.

In addition to Angelou’s award-winning book, the list includes “Memorializing the Holocaust,” which deals with Holocaust memorials; “Half American,” about African Americans in World War II; “A Respectable Woman,” about the public roles of African American women in 19th century New York; and “Pursuing Trayvon Martin,” about the 2012 shooting of the Black 17-year-old boy in Florida that raised questions about racial profiling.

Supreme Court Justice David Souter Dies at 85

By MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter, the ascetic bachelor and New Hampshire Republican who became a favorite of liberals during his nearly 20 years on the bench, has died. He was 85.

Souter died Thursday at his home in New Hampshire, the court said in a statement today.

He retired from the court in June 2009, giving President Barack Obama his first Supreme Court vacancy to fill. Obama, a Democrat, chose Sonia Sotomayor, the court’s first Latina justice.

Souter was appointed by Republican President George H.W. Bush in 1990. He was a reliably liberal vote on abortion, church-state relations, freedom of expression and the accessibility of federal courts. Souter also dissented from the decision in Bush v. Gore in 2000, which effectively handed the presidency to George W. Bush, the son of the man who put him on the high court.

While liberals were delighted with a justice they initially feared, conservatives turned Souter’s appointment into a rallying cry. “No more Souters,” that fueled their successful drive to move the court more firmly to the right.

In retirement, Souter warned that ignorance of how government works could undermine American democracy.

“What I worry about is that when problems are not addressed, people will not know who is responsible. And when the problems get bad enough ... some one person will come forward and say, ‘Give me total power and I will solve this problem.’ That is how the Roman republic fell,” Souter said in a 2012 interview.

His lifestyle was spare — yogurt and an apple, consumed at his desk, was a typical lunch — and he shunned Washington’s social scene. He couldn’t wait to leave town in early summer. As soon as the court finished its work in late June, he climbed into his Volkswagen Jetta for the drive back to the Roman farmhouse where his family moved when he was 11.

Yet for all his reserve, Souter was beloved by colleagues, court employees and friends. He was a noted storyteller and generous with his time.

“Justice David Souter served our Court with great distinction for nearly twenty years. He brought uncommon wisdom and kindness to a lifetime of public service,” Chief Justice John Roberts said. Souter continued hearing cases on the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for more than a decade after he left the high court, Roberts said.

Sotomayor recalled the kindness of the man she succeeded on the Supreme Court. “When I arrived at the court, no one was more welcoming to me than David,” she said in a statement. “After his retirement, he periodically sent me notes, which I will forever treasure for their insightfulness and beautiful turns of phrase.”

When Bush plucked Souter from obscurity in 1990, liberal interest groups feared he would be the vote that would undo the court’s Roe v. Wade ruling in favor of abortion rights. He was called a stealth nominee by some.

Bush White House aide John Sununu, the former conservative governor of New Hampshire, hailed his choice as a “home run.” And early in his time in Washington, Souter was called a moderate conservative.

But he soon joined in a ruling reaffirming women’s right to an abortion, a decision from 1992 that is his most noted work on the court. Thirty years later, a more conservative court overturned that decision and the constitutional right to abortion.



David Souter, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, is shown, Dec. 1993. (AP Photo/Marcy Nighswander, File)

Souter asked precise questions during argument sessions, sometimes with a fierceness that belied his low-key manner. “He had an unerring knack of finding the weakest link in your argument,” veteran Supreme Court advocate Carter Phillips said.

Souter was history’s 105th Supreme Court justice and only its sixth bachelor.

Although hailed by The Washington Post as the capital city’s most prominently eligible single man when he moved from New Hampshire, Souter resolutely resisted the social whirl.

“I wasn’t that kind of person before I moved to Washington, and, at this age, I don’t see any reason to change,” the intensely private Souter told an acquaintance.

He worked seven days a week through most of the court’s term from October to early summer, staying at his Supreme Court office for more than 12 hours a day. He said he underwent an annual “intellectual lobotomy” at the start of each term because he had so little time to read for pleasure.

Souter rented an apartment a few miles from the court and jogged alone at Fort McNair, an Army installation near his apartment building. He was once mugged while on a run, an apparently random act.

Souter returned to his well-worn house in Weare, New Hampshire, for a few months each summer and was given the use of an office in a Concord courthouse.

An avid hiker, Souter spent much of his time away from work trekking through the New Hampshire mountains.

When Souter in 2005 joined an unpopular 5-4 decision on eminent domain allowing a Connecticut city to take several waterfront homes for a private development, a group angered by the decision tried to use it to evict him from his Weare farmhouse to make way for the “Lost Liberty Hotel.” But Weare residents rejected the proposal.

Shortly after his retirement, Souter bought a 3,500-square-foot Cape Cod-style home in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. It was reported, though perhaps it was just part of Souter’s lore, that he worried that the foundation of the house in Weare would give way under the weight of all the books he owned.

Souter had been a federal appellate judge for just over four months when picked for the high court. He had heard but one case as a federal judge, and as a state judge previously had little chance to rule on constitutional issues.

Though liberals were initially wary of his appointment, it was political conservatives who felt betrayed when, in two 1992 rulings, Souter helped forge a moderate-liberal coalition that reaffirmed the constitutional right of abortion and the court’s longtime ban on officially sponsored prayers in public schools.



# Remember When



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## Weekly Scripture Reading

Hebrews	Romans	Romans	Romans	Romans	Romans	Romans
12.1-29	1.1-17	2.1-16	3.21-31	4.1-12	4.13-25	5.1-21

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## Life Celebration For Rance Dailey

A celebration of the life of Rance J. Dailey will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, July 6, at Halibut Point Recreation Area main shelter.

“Please join us to celebrate the life of Rance J. Dailey,” family members said. “We will gather to share our favorite memories and stories of the husband, father, brother, uncle and friend who we miss greatly.”

Casual attire, dress for comfort, and the weather. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

## Sacred Harp Sing Sunday

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, May 11, at the Pioneers Home chapel.

Beginners and listeners are welcome. Singing is from the red Denon 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.

## Calendar of Events

### FRIDAY

5-7 p.m. Plant Sale Fundraiser for Pacific High School, located behind the SEACC building at 205 Baranof Street

5-8 p.m. Annual Quilt Show opening reception, SJ Campus Fraser Hall  
5:30 p.m. STA Zumba, Blatchley Middle School  
5:30 p.m. NA Meeting, St. Peter’s Church basement  
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter’s basement, 611 Lincoln Street, hotline 907-747-8866

### SATURDAY

9 a.m.-noon Fisherman’s Flea Market, UAS and MEHS parking lots, info: 907 747-5012

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ocean Wave Quilters free open sewing session, United Methodist Church  
10 a.m. Boys on the Run Fun Run, starts at Centennial Hall

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Annual Quilt Show, SJ Campus Fraser Hall  
11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sitka Studio of Dance annual spring recitals, Sitka Performing Arts Center  
11 a.m.-1 p.m. STA Family Fun Picnic, Halibut Point Recreation Area Far North Shelter  
Noon Sitka Woman’s Club, Harbor Mountain Brewery  
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 p.m.-7 a.m. Yaaw Koo.eex’ (Herring Ceremony), Herring Protectors, Harrigan Centennial Hall, info: https://bit.ly/yaaw2025  
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter’s Church basement, call 907-747-8866  
SUNDAY  
10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m. “Sitka’s Hidden Wonders,” \$5, Sitka Sound Science Center benefit, at Coliseum Theater  
Noon-4 p.m. Annual Mother’s Day Tea, Quilt Show, Fraser Hall on SJ Campus  
Noon AA, St. Peter’s basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information  
3-4 p.m. Sacred Harp Sing. Sitka Pioneers Home Chapel  
5-7 p.m. Ukulele Practice, Sitka Pioneers Home Chapel  
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter’s basement, 611 Lincoln St., hotline 907-747-8866

MONDAY  
6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open  
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Annual Quilt Show, SJ Campus Fraser Hall  
Noon-2 p.m. 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. White Elephant Shop open

# Life of Irene Shuler 85, To be Celebrated May 24

Irene Shuler, 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends, on April 24, 2025, in Sitka.

Irene is survived by her cherished husband of 47 years, Kaye Dethridge; her loving brother, Dennis; her nieces Chelsea and Elyse, great-nieces Lucia, Jada, and Nissa; daughter Tammie and granddaughter Karynn; her step-son Michael and his wife Sandy; step-children (from her previous marriage) Barbara, Mark and his wife Dawn; and her dear friends and chosen family Tess, Linda, and in recent years, Marg.

Irene’s long and remarkable life began on June 13, 1939, in Port Townsend, Washington. Born to George and Luciele (nee’ Anderson) Hicks, she inherited from them an unshakeable ability to survive and thrive, as well as sisu (Finnish for stoic determination). A great example of this was when, unaccompanied, at the age of 13, Irene traveled on a vessel across the Gulf of Alaska, from the remote treeless village of Chignik with its one-room schoolhouse, to the bustling city of Sitka to attend Sheldon Jackson High School as a boarding student.

She made many life-long friendships during this period. An avid reader, Irene was very smart and a “quick study,” and she reveled in intellectual challenges. Graduating from Kodiak High School in 1956 after her parents moved there from Chignik, she went back to Sheldon Jackson’s Junior College and from there became a legal secretary, both in Los Angeles and in Sitka, eventually owning her own business as a legal stenographer.

She purchased her first of many houses when she was a mere 23 years old. She was an early adopter of modern technology and had a home computer long before that was typical. She also enjoyed adventuring with family and friends, recalling fondly her days working as a dispatcher at Channel Flying where she often had transport opportunities to explore remote areas of nearby Southeast Alaska in search of abandoned treasures from the Gold Rush and cannery eras.

She visited her family’s ancestral homeland in Finland several times; first with her mother, and later with her beloved aunt Grace, and once, on her own, on a Mother Earth tour of Scandinavian crafts.

Irene loved her family and friends fiercely, and while she could be understated in her emotional expressiveness, she made sure her love and support were always known. She was married twice; first to Bob Shuler, a Sitka physician, until his death in 1971, then to Kaye Dethridge, whom she met through their shared interest in tokens and other Alaskan. They married in 1982 and throughout their long loving marriage, they nurtured each other’s passions for collecting a variety of Alaskan historical items. Irene even wrote and presented, in her role as President of the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum, a witty essay about being a “token wife.”

When it became clear that Irene’s aunt Grace might need support in her elder years, Irene and Kaye established a second home in Ocean Park, Washington, and invited Grace to move in with them. Kaye and Irene made many

## Family Connect Offers Resources

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Irene Shuler

trips to the Willapa Bay peninsula, with their cat, business and all, piled high in their van, and over time created a beautiful, peaceful sanctuary to which many were drawn. During the years that ensued, Irene reconnected with extended family members in Southwest Washington, and graciously hosted numerous large family reunions, which she dubbed “The Annual Cousins Picnic.”

Always an amazing Alaskan cook, Irene relished the expanded and readily available food possibilities in the Ocean Park area. They enjoyed fresh oysters, razor clams, and oodles of produce - from their own garden as well as the orchards and fields of the bountiful Northwest - and she and Kaye canned pounds of fruits and vegetables, while Irene ground her own grains to make her famous bread.

They moved back to Sitka, permanently, a few years after Grace’s death, welcoming the frequent company of family and friends to their home, enjoying the warmth of a crackling fire in the hearth, and magnificent views of Mt. Edgecumbe from their living room picture windows.

All who knew and appreciated Irene are invited to join in the celebration of her life 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at the See House, behind St. Peter’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church.

## Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies Discussed

Dr. Kena Westergaard and Kari Roe-LaFramboise, LNP, will offer an introductory presentation on the emerging use of psychedelic-assisted therapies in mental health services at this Sunday’s meeting of the Sitka Unitarian Fellowship.

Westergaard is a licensed clinical neuropsychologist with a small private practice in Sitka since 2000. She recently received PAT certification from Neuropa University.

Roe-LaFramboise, a nurse practitioner with more than 25 years of medical practice, also received her PAT certification from Neuropa, and has been working with PATs since 2019. Roe-LaFramboise offers PAT services from her private practice “Wisdom Inner Healing” (now in Arizona) and is waiting for licensure in Alaska.

The two are currently partnering to offer ketamine-assisted therapy in Sitka, as well as consulting services regarding harm-reduction services with other types of psychedelic medicines.

The one-hour presentation will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship 10:45 a.m. Sunday. A question-and-answer regarding the new paradigm shift in mental health will follow.

The gathering and coffee begins 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 Hall is located at 408 Marine Street. Entrance and parking are off Spruce Street.

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**No. 1SI-25-00008 PR**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Camden Davis has been appointed by the Superior Court in Sitka, Alaska, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Janice Lynne Davis. All persons or entities having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within (4) four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative of the estate c/o Law Office of Brandon C. Marx, P.O. Box 6171, Sitka, Alaska 99835 or filed with the Superior Court in this matter. DATED this 1st day of May, 2025 at Sitka, Alaska.

**Brandon C. Marx**  
**Attorney for Camden Davis**  
**As Personal Representative**  
**Estate of Janice Lynne Davis**  
**PUBLISH: May 2, 9, 16, 2025**

Story Time Break At Public Library

The preschool story time program at Sitka Public Library will take a break from May 1 to May 22 to get ready for the Summer Reading Program and attend school visits.

Story time will resume 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 29. Preschoolers are invited to the Early Literacy Summer Reading Program kickoff party 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, sponsored by Sitka Babies and Books.

For information call 907 747-4020 or email Maite at [maite.lorente@city-ofsitka.org](mailto:maite.lorente@city-ofsitka.org).

No Tobacco Day Marked May 30

SEARHC is teaming up with the Sitka HOPE Coalition for a community event to observe World No Tobacco Day.

The organizations will be set up outside AC Lakeside Grocery 4-6 p.m. Friday, May 30, with prize giveaways, quit resources, information on the health harms of smoking and vaping, and a visit from Ciggy Butts to interact with passersby.

This event is part of SEARHC’s year-round commitment to supporting Southeast Alaskans who wish to quit tobacco and raise awareness about smoking and vaping risks, especially among youths.

One in four Alaska high schoolers has used e-cigarettes, and cigarette smoking is more common among American Indian and Alaska Native people than almost any other racial or ethnic group in the United States, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics cite.

“This highlights the critical need for culturally sensitive, accessible cessation resources like the Alaska Tobacco Quit Line,” a press release from organizers said.

STA to Offer Snorkeling Times

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will offer two snorkeling session dates for tribal citizen families to promote family engagement and healthy connection.

Dates are June 2 or 9, with Selkie Snorkels.

Registration is required at <https://forms.gle/QFWtgj5y718ChFG37>. Email Jade Nodes with any questions at [jade.nodes@sitkatribes-nsn.gov](mailto:jade.nodes@sitkatribes-nsn.gov).

On Honor Roll

Drake Johnson and Gavan Johnson of Sitka have been named to the winter quarter honor roll at Spokane Community College, Spokane, Washington.

It lists those students who achieved a grade point average of 3.0 or above.

Class Dismissed

The last day of school for students in the Sitka School District is Wednesday, May 21. Students will be dismissed as follows:

First grade and bus, 11:45 a.m.  
Kindergarten pick-up, noon  
Grades 2-5, noon  
Pacific High School, 12:30 p.m.  
Blatchley Middle School, 12:45 p.m.  
Sitka High School, 12:50 p.m.  
No lunches will be served. Parents should contact the school offices with questions.

UAS Students Named To Fall Honor Rolls

University of Alaska Southeast students are being recognized for their outstanding scholarly achievements by being placed on the deans’ and chancellor’s lists for fall 2024.

Rianna N. Bergman has been named to the chancellor’s list.

On the deans’ list are Jillian N. Burchfield, Daria Drobzheva, Hannah Harris and RJ Nine D. Rabadan.

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CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Port and Harbors Commission**  
The Port and Harbors Commission will meet **6:00pm Monday, May 12, 2025**, in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. Agenda items include: revenue comparisons, stall number identification, tidal grid, and annual moorage discount for prepayment. This meeting is open to the public. Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk  
**Published: May 9, 2025**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Assembly Tribal Council Joint Meeting**  
The Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka will meet with the Sitka Tribal Council at a semi-annual dinner gathering **5:30pm Monday, May 12, 2025**. The dinner will be held at Tribal Headquarters, 204 Signaka Way. No Assembly business will be conducted. Sara Peterson, Municipal Clerk  
**Published: May 9, 2025**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Parks and Recreation Committee**  
The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet **12:00pm Tuesday, May 13, 2025**, in Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive. Agenda items include: Commercial Land Use Permit Applications. The meeting is open to the public. Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Municipal Clerk  
**Published: May 9, 2025**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**City and Borough Assembly Meeting Agenda**  
**Assembly Chambers**  
**330 Harbor Drive**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING  
I. CALL TO ORDER  
II. FLAG SALUTE  
III. RECITAL OF LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
IV. ROLL CALL  
V. CORRESPONDENCE/AGENDA CHANGES  
VI. CEREMONIAL MATTERS  
None.  
VII. SPECIAL REPORTS: Government to Government, Municipal Boards/Commissions/Committees, Municipal Departments, School District, Students and Guests (five minute time limit)  
1) Sitka Community Land Trust, Randy Hughey  
2) Visit Sitka 3-Year Strategic Marketing Plan, Rachel Roy  
3) Department Quarterly Reports - Harbors and Public & Government Relations  
VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD  
Public participation on any item off the agenda. All public testimony is not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual, unless the mayor imposes other time constraints at the beginning of the agenda item.  
IX. CONSENT AGENDA  
All matters under Item IX Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.  
A. ORD 25-10 Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2025 (Homeland Security Grant - Travel for AlaskaEx and Fire Department Radios)  
X. BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS  
None.  
XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:  
B. ORD 25-09 Authorizing the lease of a portion of Tract 4-B, ASLS 81-21, located on Jarvis Street, to Sitka Community Gardens Association  
XII. NEW BUSINESS:  
**New Business First Reading**  
C. ORD 25-11 Making supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2025 (Procurement of EV Transit Van for Parks and Recreation Division)  
D. ORD 25-12 Amending Title 10, “Public Peace, Safety and Morals”, and Title 22, “Zoning” of the Sitka General Code by modifying certain sections throughout these titles to add and regulate onsite marijuana consumption facilities  
**Additional New Business Items**  
E. Accept the donation of a scoreboard for Moller Park from Holland America Line  
F. Approve the First Amendment to Lease Agreement between the City and Borough of Sitka and Sitka Maritime Heritage Society, Inc. regarding Japonski Island Boathouse  
XIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:  
Public participation on any item on or off the agenda. Not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual.  
XIV. REPORTS  
a. Mayor, b. Administrator, c. Attorney, d. Liaison Representatives, e. Clerk, f. Other  
XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Not anticipated.  
XVI. ADJOURNMENT  
Note: Detailed information on these agenda items can be found on the City website at <https://sitka.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> or by contacting the Municipal Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 100 Lincoln Street or 907.747.1811. A hard copy of the Assembly packet is available at the Sitka Public Library. Regular and Special Assembly meetings are livestreamed through the City’s website and YouTube channel, and aired live on KCAW FM 104.7. To receive Assembly agenda notifications, sign up with GovDelivery on the City website.  
Sara Peterson, MMC, Municipal Clerk  
**Published: May 9, 2025**

\*\* REVISED \*\*

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

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2. requirements for the CBS to implement and administer a scheduling and permitting system for large and small cruise ships;

3. requirements for the CBS to enforce provisions for violations (principally through fines, permit revocation, and/or suspending permit eligibility for one year), to be imposed on cruise ship owners or operators; and

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

☐ 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  
(4) 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



## Police Blotter

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

May 8  
At 9:28 a.m. a small dog was reported running at large on Andrews Street. The animal control officer was called but the dog's owner picked it up before the officer arrived.

At 10:13 a.m. DOT said a disabled vehicle was posing a traffic hazard on the O'Connell Bridge. The vehicle was gone when officers arrived.

An issue between neighbors was reported, with one accusing the other of turning off her power. Police investigated.

Anchorage police called about on-line activity of a sexual nature. Sitka police opened a case on the matter.

A parent called with concerns about a babysitter. Police found nothing

## Saturday Vigil For Democracy

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

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

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

Coliseum Theatre

Now Playing

747-0646

Coliseum Theatre

Thunderbolts

(PG-13) 2hr 6 min

Friday-Thursday: 4:30, 7:30

BUY YOUR TICKETS EARLY!



Critter Corner

Sitka Animal Shelter



Freya

In Need of a HOME/ISLAND/Farm/Sled team: Sweet Freya is a spayed 1yr old fully vaccinated dog with a microchip in need of a forever home! She is great with cats, dogs, and children. She has separation anxiety and needs someone retired or that works from home. She would be a great island dog that can be inside and outside whenever she wants. *Freya is at the shelter, please call to make an appointment to meet her at 907-966-5768*

Please email

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criminal to be investigated.

May 9  
At 2 a.m. three bears were reported getting into garbage along the 2800 block of HPR. Police used rubber bullets and yelling to get them to leave but they kept returning.

At 5 a.m. a bear was reported in the 800 block of Lake Street where ducks were in a yard. A resident yelled at it and it left.

## Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department received four ambulance calls in the 24 hours ending at midnight last night.

## STA Elders Given Notice

Sitka Tribe of Alaska enrolled elders – age 65 and older living in Sitka – who missed the Honoring Tribal Elders luncheon in February can still receive an elder gift bag and vest.

Gift bags and vests can be picked up at STA Social Services department 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. May 12-16. Each elder will receive one vest and one gift bag.

## Summer Gymnastics Registration on Tap

Registration for City of Sitka Parks and Recreation summer Tongass Tumblers gymnastics opens noon Wednesday, May 14.

Classes are available for ages 18 months to 11 years. Class options are available for both June and July. All sessions taught by Trisha Bessert.

Registration will be online at <http://recreation.cityofsitka.com>. Parents should apply for scholarships prior to registration.

For information, email [recreation@cityofsitka.org](mailto:recreation@cityofsitka.org) or call 907 747-4031.

## Special Municipal Election May 28

A special municipal election is scheduled Wednesday, May 28.

Eligible voters may choose to vote using one of these options: early voting in person at Harrigan Centennial Hall on weekdays May 13-27 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and Saturdays, May 17 and 24 (9:00 a.m. to noon); absentee voting by mail, fax or email; personal representative; and in person on Election Day at Harrigan Centennial Hall, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Completed applications to vote absentee by mail must be received by the Municipal Clerk's Office no later than 5 p.m. on May 21. To vote by email, voters need access to a printer and scanner.

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.

## 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.

## Salty Spoke Open Saturdays

The Salty Spoke community bike cooperative is open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. every Saturday at 4 Lincoln Street.

Community members can sign up to receive guidance from volunteers, and have a space and tool wall to fix and maintain their own bikes.

A selection of used bikes are available for sale as well.

For more information go to [www.saltyspoke.com](http://www.saltyspoke.com) or email [thesaltyspoke@gmail.com](mailto:thesaltyspoke@gmail.com).

## Boys Fun Run Slated Saturday

All are invited to cheer on participants of Boys Run I toowú klatsen Saturday, May 10, as they complete the program's 10th 5K Fun Run following a season of hard work and learning about healthy relationships and life-style skills.

The sports birthday party-themed event will begin at Harrigan Centennial Hall, Room 6, with registration at 9:30 a.m. The fun run starts at 10 a.m.

"Please join us to make this 5K extra special and recognize all who have contributed to the Boys Run program over the past 10 years," a news release from Boys on the Run said.

Former participants and coaches are encouraged to attend.

Those interested in volunteering at the event by setting up, cleaning up, or being a cheerleader can email [cwebber@safv.org](mailto:cwebber@safv.org) or go to [tinyurl.com/britkvot](http://tinyurl.com/britkvot) to sign up.

Boys Run I toowú klatsen is coordinated by the Pathways Coalition.

## Summer Program For Babies, Books

Sitka Babies and Books will celebrate the beginning of the Early Literacy Summer Reading Program with a kickoff party 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Sitka Public Library for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

"Color Our World!" is the annual Summer Reading Program theme for all ages. During the event families may register their children up to 5 years old for the Early Literacy Summer Reading Program.

The program will run through Aug. 2.

The event doesn't require pre-registration and is open to the public.

For information call 907 747-4020 or e-mail Maite at [maite.lorente@city-ofsitka.org](mailto:maite.lorente@city-ofsitka.org)

## Family Fun Picnics Ahead for STA

Sitka Tribe of Alaska has scheduled three Summer 2025 Family Fun Picnics, with the first being 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 10 at the Halibut Point Recreation Area Far North Shelter.

"It's that time of year again when we come together outside to enjoy the natural beauty Sheet'ka has to offer," STA said in a news release. "Join us for family games, food, fresh air, and healthy socialization while we promote family engagement and healthy connections with each other and the natural elements of earth, air, fire, and water."

They are drug/alcohol free, and pets are not allowed.

Picnic dates are: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 10, far north shelter; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 14, main shelter; 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 9, main shelter.

## Mother's Day Brunch at Moose

Sitka Moose Lodge will host a Mother's Day brunch 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 11.

It is open to members and immediate family. Moms eat free; all others will be charged \$10.

On Friday, ribeye steak dinners will be served.

The lodge will open at noon on large ship days. Lodge meetings are scheduled the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Women of the Moose meet the third Monday of each month. Those with questions can call 907 747-3344.

GRANT AWARD – Brigit Wentworth, White Elephant employee, presents a White Elephant grant award of \$7,000 for the Sitka Recreation Foundation to Andrew Friske, middle, and Kevin Knox. (Photo provided to the Sentinel)

## Centennial Hall Sunday Closure

Harrigan Centennial Hall at 330 Harbor Drive will be closed on Sunday, May 11, for maintenance.

Regular business hours will resume on Monday, May 12.

Call the Harrigan Centennial Hall manager for information or questions at 907 747-4090.

## Rites of Passage At Blatchley Set

Blatchley Middle School will hold its annual Rites of Passage ceremony 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 21 at Sitka High School gymnasium.

Parents and guests are asked to park at the front of the building and enter through the gym door.

Students will be dismissed from the high school.

## Open Sewing Session May 10

Ocean Wave Quilters will hold a free open sewing session 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at United Methodist Church.

All are invited to attend. Irons, ironing boards, tables and chairs are provided. Lunch is potluck.

For information, call Linda Swanson at 907 752-0251.

## RIDE to Take Week's Break

The RIDE public transit has updated the times it will not be running due to Memorial Day observance, rebranding, cleaning and staff training.

The new dates it will not be in operation are Monday, May 26, through Friday, May 30. Service will be back in full swing on Monday, June 2.

"We thank everyone for their understanding during this outage in service and wish everyone a meaningful and memorable Memorial Day," the RIDE said.

Contact the RIDE office at 907 747-7103 with questions.

## Earns Degree

Grace Harang of Sitka was included in the Utah Tech University graduating class of 3,088 students at its 114th commencement ceremonies this week.

She earned an associate of science in general studies degree. The 2021 Sitka High graduate is the daughter of Tracie and Trevor Harang.

## Fisherman's Flea Market Saturday

The annual Fisherman's Flea Market is planned 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 10, at Mt. Edgcombe High School/UAS-Sitka parking lots.

Those with marine-related items to sell can load their items up and opark in front of the MEHS gym beginning at 8 a.m. Buyers are asked to park in the UAS parking lot at 9 a.m.

Those with questions can call Denise, 907 747-5012. It is sponsored by SouthEast Alaska Women in Fisheries.

Youth Advocates of Sitka is hosting a Human Trafficking Awareness Event at Harrigan Centennial Hall

Wednesday, May 14:  
12-2, 2:30-3:30, 5-7

Thursday, May 15:  
12-1, 3-4, 4-5

Call 747-3687 for more details

Sitka already has an MOU with the cruise industry that limits and manages visitor impacts.

Ballot Measure 1 ignores this progress and forces a rigid, one-size-fits-all limit. The 300,000 cap isn't "fine tuning"—it's a rigid ceiling that will force Sitka to turn away visitors when our economy needs to grow.

VOTE NO ON BALLOT MEASURE 1.

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Paid for by Safeguard Sitka's Future P.O. Box 718 Sitka, Alaska 99835. Chris McGraw, Chair, approves this message. Top contributors are Sitka Dock Company, LLC, Sitka, AK, Allen Marine Tours, Sitka, AK, and Beverly Jean Caldwell, Sitka, AK.

# VOTE YES ON PROP 1

Don't let cruise tourism overwhelm our small town

### Proposition 1

- Gives Sitka control over large cruise ship tourism
- Balances cruise tourism with Sitka's small size & values
- Cruise limitations can be fine-tuned later

**Prop 1 opponents highly exaggerate sales tax benefits of cruise over-tourism, yet ignore the costs to Sitkans**

**Let's make tourism work for Sitka**  
**Not Sitka work for cruise tourism**

Learn more at: [VoteYesOn1Sitka.com](http://VoteYesOn1Sitka.com)

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## Polling Places - May 2025

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

Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM

### Precinct Name

SITKA NO. 1  
(02-765)

SITKA NO. 2  
(02-770)

EARLY VOTING  
(02-969)

### Location

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

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

## SAMPLE BALLOT

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

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

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

Instructions:

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

Proposition No. 1

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

Informational: See proposed Ordinance No. 2024-33.

☐ YES

☐ NO



# SENTINEL SPORTS

## New Pope Leo XIV Brings Hope To Some Chicago Sports Fans

By ERIC OLSON  
AP Sports Writer

(AP) - The sports loyalties of Pope Leo XIV became a topic of conversation almost as soon as the white smoke emerged from the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.

Elected on Thursday, Robert Prevost is the first pope from the United States in the history of the Catholic Church. The Chicago-born missionary, who took the name Leo XIV, also attended Villanova University near Philadelphia, where he received a Bachelor of Science in 1977.

Chicago's two baseball teams were front and center as sports fans reacted to the news.

It was initially reported that the new pope was a Cubs fan. The team congratulated Pope Leo XIV in a post on X that had a picture of Wrigley Field's iconic marquee with the message: HEY, CHICAGO. HE'S A CUBS FAN!

But his brother, John Prevost, set the record straight in an interview with WGN-TV. The pope is a White Sox fan.

"He was never ever a Cubs fan, so I don't know where that came from. He was always a Sox fan," John said, adding that the confusion might stem from the fact their mother's side of the family were North Siders and Cubs fans.

The White Sox posted a clip from the brother's WGN interview on X, along with a picture of the Rate Field videoboard with the message: HEY CHICAGO, HE'S A SOX FAN! The post read "Well, would you look at that... Congratulations to Chicago's own Pope Leo XIV."

"Family always knows best, and it sounds like Pope Leo XIV's lifelong fandom falls a little closer to 35th and

Shields," the White Sox said in a media statement. "Some things are bigger than baseball, and in this case, we're glad to have a White Sox fan represented at the Vatican. A pinstripes White Sox jersey with his name on it and a hat already are on the way to Rome, and of course, the Pontiff always is welcome at his ballpark."

The TV interview had White Sox fans wondering about the pope's ability to convince owner Jerry Reinsdorf to sell the last-place team.

Long-suffering Bears fans weighed in, too.

One remarked on X that Chicago developed a pope before the Bears developed a quarterback. Another said the Bears now have a direct line to God. And another said the Bears no longer will be on the wrong side of Hail Marys, a reference to Washington Commanders quarterback Jayden Daniels' 52-yard Hail Mary completion to Noah Brown to beat the Bears in October.

"Daaaaaa Pope," Bears quarterback Caleb Williams posted on X on Thursday night.

The election of the new pope coincides with a trio of former Villanova players leading the New York Knicks on an NBA playoff run. It didn't take long for a photoshopped picture of the four of them together to show up on social media.

The Knicks erased 20-point deficits in winning Games 1 and 2 against the defending champion Boston Celtics in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Now fans are praying the combination of the Villanova guys and the new pope can help the team to its first NBA title since 1973.

### 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.

### Alpine Adventure Run Wait List Open

All 125 limited entry spaces for the Alpine Adventure Run are filled. Wait list registration is open. Email [christinemariehoran@gmail.com](mailto:christinemariehoran@gmail.com) and request entry. A registration form will be sent to you. Your completed registration form and entry fee of \$50 will place you on the wait list in the order your forms and fees are turned in.

The race will take place on July 19, 2025. Wait listed runners move into the race when confirmed runners cancel. Entry fees are held and returned in full in the event you don't get into the run.

The race is a challenging seven-mile mountain run starting at St. Gregory's Catholic Church. The course climbs Gavan Hill and continues along the Harbor Mountain rim to the picnic area on Harbor Mountain.

Runners must be able to complete the course in 2.5 hours and be at least 15 years old. Registration costs \$50 and includes a t-shirt. For further information contact Chris Horan at [christinemariehoran@gmail.com](mailto:christinemariehoran@gmail.com) or call 907-747-6471.

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

### MEHS Seeks Girls Basketball Coach

Mt. Edgecumbe High School is looking for a coach for the girls basketball team in the 2026 season. The post is open until filled.

Those interested should contact Andrew Friske at 907-966-3228 or [andrewf@mehs.us](mailto:andrewf@mehs.us)

### Julie Hughes Triathlon May 17

The annual Julie Hughes triathlon is set for Saturday, May 17 here and registration is open now online at [juliehughestri.com](http://juliehughestri.com). The 41st running of the event will start at 8:30 a.m. at Blatchley Middle School.

The race includes a 5 mile run, 14 mile bike ride and 1,000 yard swim, though the youth course is shortened to a 1.5 mile run, 6 mile bike ride and 500 yard swim.

The triathlon began in 1985 in honor of Julie Hughes, who died of cancer months before the first event, which was held as a memorial.



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## Wolves Even Series vs. Curry-Less Warriors

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves were stewing over their rough start in Game 1 against Golden State, a reaction coach Chris Finch was pleased to see.

Julius Randle had 24 points and 11 assists to help the Timberwolves capitalize on Warriors star Stephen Curry's absence in a 117-93 victory Thursday that tied the second-round series at a game apiece.

The foundation was laid in an on-ery film session with Finch and his staff the day before.

"He was unhappy, and he let us know he was unhappy, and we felt that," Randle said. "We were pretty motivated as a team."

Anthony Edwards finished with 20 points after an injury scare for the Wolves, who more than tripled their 3-point output (going 16 for 37) from their Game 1 loss when Curry was sidelined by a left hamstring strain that likely will keep him out at least until next week.

Nickeil Alexander-Walker added 20 points to spearhead a superb performance by the bench, combining with Donte DiVincenzo and Naz Reid to go 10 for 22 from deep.



Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards (5) drives to the basket around Warriors defenders during the first half of Game 2 of an NBA second-round playoff series Thursday in Minneapolis. (Carlos Avila Gonzalez/San Francisco Chronicle via AP)

"We looked a lot more like ourselves," Finch said.

Jonathan Kuminga (18 points) and Trayce Jackson-Davis (15) combined to shoot 14 for 17 from the floor for the Warriors. They took nearly five minutes to score, finally breaking through down

13-0 on Jimmy Butler's 3-pointer.

With the NBA's career leading 3-point shooter next to him on the bench, coach Steve Kerr used a kitchen-sink experiment with 14 players getting time.

"But I would still like to win," But-

ler said. "I think the biggest lesson is don't start off in a hole like we did tonight, and the game maybe could have ended up a little bit differently."

Kuminga, the seventh overall pick in the 2021 draft who dropped out of the rotation at times during the regular season and missed significant time with a sprained right ankle, was a bright spot off the bench. But this Warriors team was already thin on offense with a healthy Curry.

"We have to figure out what we're going to be able to do in this series without Steph," Kerr said. "So we gave a lot of people a lot of chances, and some guys really stepped up."

Against the Wolves and their athletic, long and versatile defense, there wasn't much to lean on. Without Curry to worry about, the Wolves had an easier time keeping shooters Buddy Hield and Brandin Podziemski quiet.

The Warriors put up their lowest first-quarter score (15) in the playoffs since Game 6 of the 2016 NBA Finals, according to Sportradar, when they had 11 in a loss to Cleveland.

Draymond Green picked up his fifth technical foul of the playoffs, too short of an automatic one-game suspension, for elbowing Naz Reid after Reid had just fouled him.

## Pacers, Nuggets Try to Hold Court after Wins



Cavaliers guard Donovan Mitchell, left, goes to the basket defended by Indiana Pacers forward Aaron Nesmith, right, in the second half during Game 2 in the Eastern Conference semifinals, Tuesday in Cleveland. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrcock)

By MICHAEL MAROT  
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Denver Nuggets accomplished one goal by stealing Game 1 of their second-round playoff series at Oklahoma City.

The Indiana Pacers were even more productive in Cleveland, sweeping both games.

Now the two lower-seeded teams head home for their respective Game 3s today with a new goal — taking advantage of those early road wins by keep-

ing the upper hand in their series.

"The series isn't over, it's far from over," Pacers star Tyrese Haliburton said Thursday. "This is a team that earned the No. 1 seed for a reason. It's probably rare they lose two games in a row. I don't know the exact number, but it probably doesn't happen often. So we're going to see a desperate team, a team that's coming in here to win two games."

Actually, the Cavaliers lost three straight during a four-day stretch in late

ities and stakeholders," the BCCI said in a statement.

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when appearing in home playoff games.

One person who won't be at the game is Haliburton's father. This will be Indiana's first home game since John Haliburton confronted Giannis Antetokounmpo on the court moments after Haliburton's winning layup eliminated the Milwaukee Bucks in Game 5.

Oklahoma City's Game 2 performance also shows it can rally in its series.

The Thunder endured just two two-game skids this season, making sure it didn't happen a third time with a 43-point victory Wednesday in Game 3. The Thunder also went 35-6 on the road, including an early regular-season split in Denver.

Winning the 2023 NBA crown also has given the Nuggets some perspective on how to turn the page after such an embarrassing loss.

"They were being aggressive, they were hitting us," three-time league MVP Nikola Jokic said. "We weren't disciplined, and everybody was kind of doing their own thing and we can't play like that. Every single person needs to step up and be better."

And playing at home should help — both the Nuggets and the Pacers.

"Cleveland's building was so loud," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "So we need our fans to bring every ounce of energy and noise and everything they have. Each game going forward is going to be a monumental challenge. Their support has meant a lot to us this year and it's important right now."

## India Cancels Cricket Tourney as Crisis Deepens

By CHETAN NARULA  
Associated Press

MUMBAI, India (AP) — India's biggest domestic cricket tournament was suspended for one week today following the escalating military tensions with Pakistan.

The Indian Premier League, which features top players from around the world and attracts hundreds of millions of TV viewers, was halted with immediate effect, the Board of Control for Cricket in India said.

"Further updates regarding the new schedule and venues of the tournament will be announced in due course after a comprehensive assessment of the situation in consultation with relevant author-

ities and stakeholders," the BCCI said in a statement.

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Mumbai because of the closure of several airports in the Indian northwestern corridor.

Pakistan earlier said it was moving its own domestic T20 tournament to the United Arab Emirates because of the tensions. The PCB confirmed the relocation of the Pakistan Super League to Dubai in a statement released early today, citing growing concerns among overseas players and the need to prioritize their safety.

On Thursday, authorities said an Indian drone fell inside the complex of the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium hours before the start of PSL game in which several foreign cricketers from New Zealand, Australia, West Indies, South Africa and England were due to compete.

three and striking out six. Yamamoto gave up five runs on six hits and a walk, striking out four.

Max Muncy's ground-rule double and Andy Pages' single both scored runs as the Dodgers cut the margin to 5-2 in the eighth. Michael Conforto grounded into a double play to end the rally.

The Dodgers were threatening in the eighth before Marte started a spectacular double play to end the threat. The second baseman ranged to his left and snagged

Conforto's grounder before wheeling and firing to Geraldo Perdomo at second, whose throw to Naylor at first was just in time.

The Diamondbacks won their 20th game of the year. The NL West is the only division that has four teams with 20-plus wins. The other team is the Colorado Rockies, who are 6-31.

RHP Roki Sasaki (1-1, 3.86 ERA) will start for the Dodgers against LHP Eduardo Rodriguez (1-3, 5.92) and the Diamondbacks tonight.

### SPORTS CALENDAR

**SOFTBALL at Moller Field  
TODAY Sitka v. Ketchikan**  
2 p.m. Junior varsity  
4 p.m. Junior varsity  
6 p.m. Varsity

**SATURDAY Sitka v. Ketchikan**  
2 p.m. Junior varsity  
4 p.m. Varsity  
6 p.m. Varsity, SHS senior night

**TRACK and FIELD at Lower Moller  
TODAY**  
1 to 3:45 p.m. Field events  
3:30 to 6:10 p.m. Track events

**SATURDAY**  
9 to 10 a.m. Discus  
10 a.m. Start of running events

### 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](mailto:runsitkahigh@gmail.com), or send a message on our Facebook page.



# Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My cousin (more like a sister) has made some extremely rash and concerning choices over the last year. After she had her second baby, she left her husband and started seeing a series of borderline-abusive men. She's now in the process of signing full custody of the children over to her ex-husband and impulsively buying a house out of state.

What I'm finding challenging is, she will accept nothing less than "full support" from her family and friends. She has cut off her sister, to the point of not attending her wedding, because she expressed that maybe it was time for her to talk to a professional about her mental health. She hasn't spoken to her mother in months either.

I don't want to cut her off, because I think she genuinely needs help and is experiencing something very challenging. But she's trying to manipulate her ex-husband into giving her more alimony money, while she runs around with a man who verbally abuses her in public.

I think she's a danger to herself, but if I say as much, she'll cut me off too. Should I stay in her life so I can help when she inevitably needs it? Or should I take a harsher stance? -- CONCERNED COUSIN IN OREGON

DEAR COUSIN: Tell your cousin (who is more like a sister) you love her dearly, but she's making some serious mistakes, and you are afraid for her future. It's the truth. Let her know that watching her estrange herself

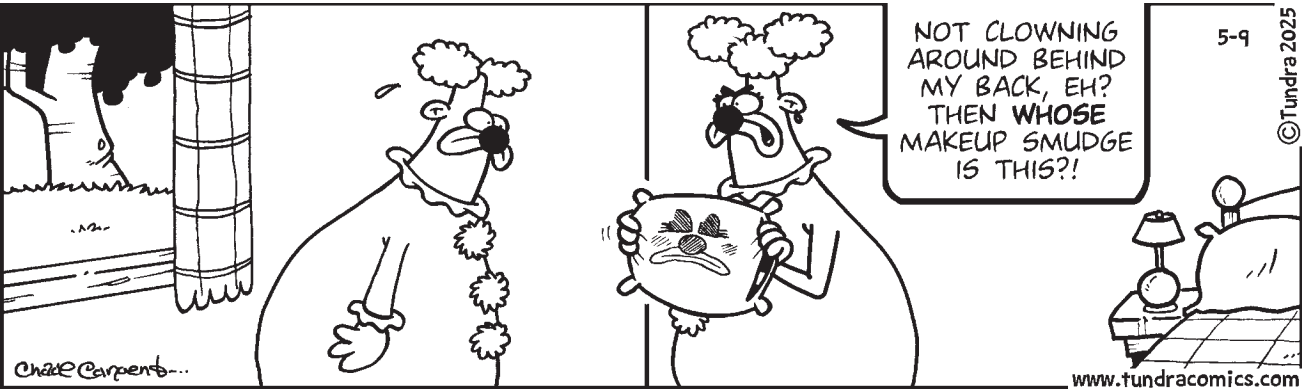
from her family has been painful for you, and if things don't turn out as she hopes, you will be there for her. Then back away until the dust settles.

DEAR ABBY: For the last 20 years, we have owned a comfortable home a few blocks from the ocean. With both a main and a back house, we can sleep as many as 11 or 12 people. We have always welcomed our children, grandchildren and their friends unconditionally. They, in turn, have been judicious about accepting our offer. Since we are now up in years, the work is becoming difficult for us.

Five years ago, one of our grandchildren married into a difficult family. While we are fond of our new grandson-in-law, he insists on bringing his parents, sibling and their family dog to our home. They are loud and ungracious. There is a difference of opinion among us as to whether we can or should refuse to continue welcoming them. Your thoughts? -- TIRED IN THE EAST

DEAR TIRED: For a guest to bring other people (and their pet!) without first clearing it with the host is extremely rude. If the host shows reluctance, for the guest to insist is even worse. I'm sorry you didn't nip it in the bud in the beginning. Explain to your grandchild that you are not getting any younger and hosting the entire family has taken a toll on you, which is why you WILL be restricting the invitation to only your family members in the future.

## TUNDRA



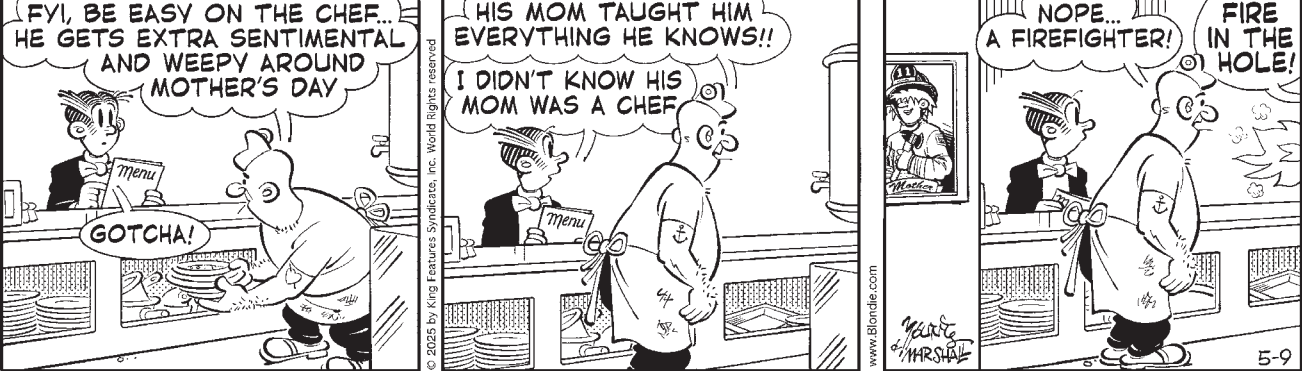
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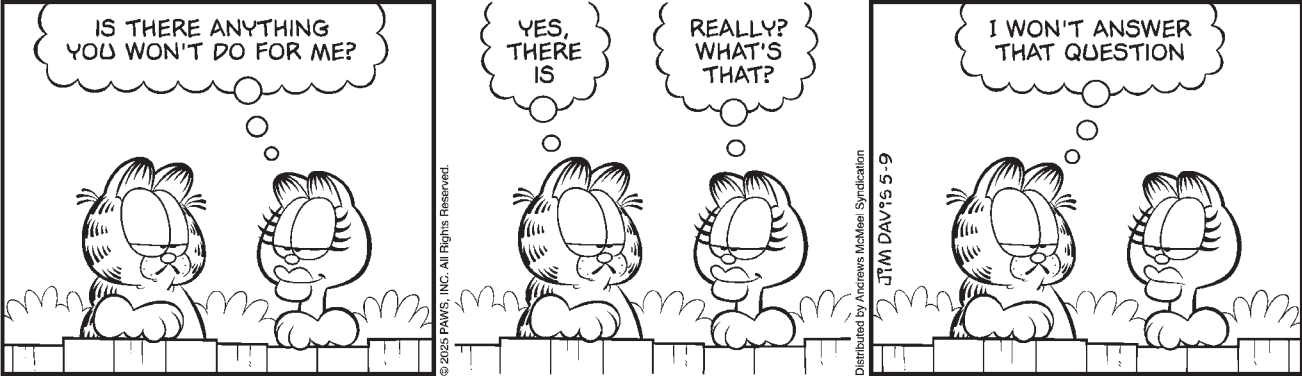
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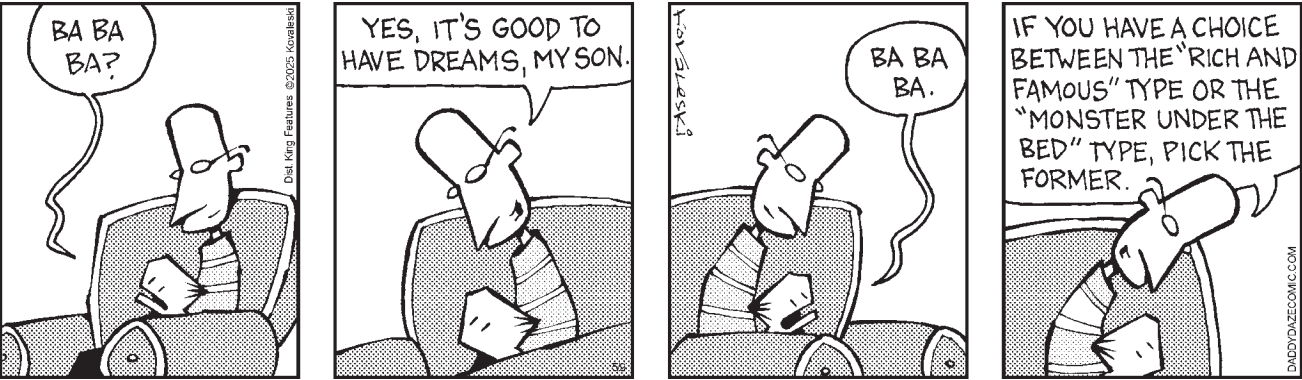
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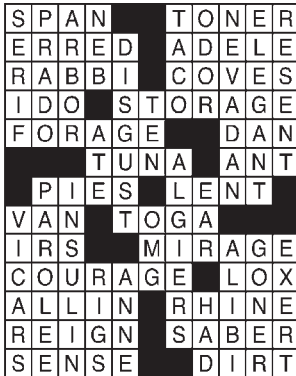
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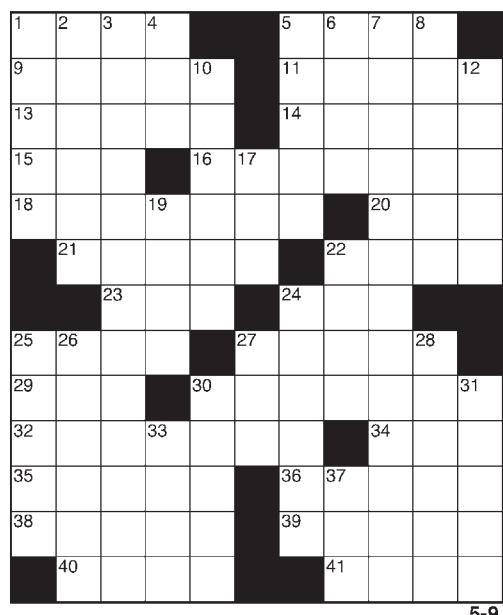
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Yesterday's answer



## Sitka by the Stars

For Saturday, May 10, 2025

We're invited to embrace the spirit of TAURUS season today by slowing down and taking it easy. Patience and pragmatism are emphasized now, as is creativity and resourcefulness. It's a good day for doing whatever moves us, whether it's a DIY project or making a home-cooked meal, just so long as we keep it simple. No-fuss plans and activities will be the most appealing under the current skies. By the evening, the vibe may become increasingly moody, which could derail plans to go out and socialize. Enjoying a cozy night at home, perhaps with a few friends, may be a better option.

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)

You end up getting more for your dollar when you spend your money with companies whose mission aligns with your values.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

Your kind words and sound advice may be just what someone needs.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Your mind needs a rest. Engaging in an activity that helps you get out of your head and more fully into your body can help.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Plan to do something fun or entertaining with friends. Invest in your social life.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

You may be ready to start planning your long-term goals. Give yourself some time to reflect on where you are and where you want to go next.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Your mind may be hungry to learn. It's an excellent time to learn a new

language, visit a museum, or take a hands-on workshop.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

If there's something that you need, sometimes you have to be vulnerable enough to ask.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Don't keep your feelings to yourself. Talk to someone you trust.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Create a simple routine that you can stick to, whether it's for sleep, work, or your overall wellness.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Try to find the joy in the now while planning for your future.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

There may be responsibilities to handle and obligations to meet. Do what you can to keep yourself grounded while you're in the thick of it.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Seek interesting events or activities that you can enjoy locally. Bring a friend or sibling along.

FOR TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

You're not easily swayed by other people's thoughts or opinions. You take time to gather the necessary information and make up your own mind accordingly. When you share what you're thinking, you prefer to be direct and to the point. However, you also know how to be tactful in your delivery. Your versatility sets you apart from the crowd. You're perceptive and understanding, and you know how to read beyond what's being said to make sense of things, just like a researcher or a detective. This year, you will find strength in numbers. Focus on building great relationships.

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. She lost her sheep and didn't know where to find them.  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
2. He had a fall and couldn't be put back together.  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
3. A big spider frightened her while she was eating her curds and whey.  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. He sat in a corner and ate his Christmas pie.  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
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PH.D. LEVEL

7. He marched 10,000 men up to the top of a hill.  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
8. He lives on Drury Lane.  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_  
9. One summer day she made some tarts.  
Answer \_\_\_\_\_

SCORING:

18 points -- congratulations, doctor;  
15 to 17 points -- honors graduate;  
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ANSWERS: 1. Little Bo Peep, 2. Queen of Hearts, 3. The Great Old Duke of York, 4. Little Jack Horner, 5. Old Mother Hubbard, 6. Old King Cole, 7. The Muffin Man, 8. The Queen of Hearts, 9. The Muffin Man.

# CRYPTOQUOTE

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

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CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO ACQUIRE A TASTE FOR WAS NOT MEANT TO BE EATEN. — EDDIE MURPHY

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

Subject: NURSERY RHYME CHARACTERS  
Use the clue to identify the nursery rhyme character(s). (e.g., They went up a hill to get a pail of water. Answer: Jack and Jill.)

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# Sudoku 数独

ANSWER TO  
YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Difficulty: ★★★

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## King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★★★★

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





Chinese President Xi Jinping, left, Russian President Vladimir Putin, centre, Tajikistan’s President Emomali Rakhmon, right, and President of the Republic of Congo Denis Sassou Nguesso, centre right, attend a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Alexander Garden after the Victory Day military parade in Moscow, Russia, today, during celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the Soviet Union’s victory over Nazi Germany during the World War II. (Yuri Kochetkov/Pool Photo via AP)

# Putin Presides Over WWII Victory Events

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia today celebrated the 80th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II, as President Vladimir Putin presided over a massive parade of tanks, missiles and troops through Red Square and welcomed over two dozen world leaders — the most since Moscow sent troops into Ukraine.

Victory Day, which Russia marks on May 9, is the country’s most important secular holiday. The parade and other festivities underline Moscow’s efforts to project its global power and cement the alliances it has forged while seeking a counterbalance to the West amid the conflict in Ukraine that is grinding through a fourth year.

Today’s parade was the largest since Russia sent troops into Ukraine in 2022 and drew the most global leaders to Moscow in a decade, including high-profile guests like Chinese President Xi Jinping, who sat next to Putin, and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Their attendance underscored how Putin has tried to emphasize the failure of the West to turn Russia into a global pariah.

“It’s again showing that Russia is not isolated, that Russia is seen as a very legitimate victorious nation that is among victors in World War II,” said Alexander Gabuev, director of Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center.

“Russia is standing tall among the so-called global majority,” Gabuev

said, adding that the attendance of Slovakia’s Prime Minister Robert Fico showed that “Russia has allies even within the Western camp” and marked a major public relations victory for Putin.

World War II is a rare event in the nation’s divisive history under Communist rule that is revered by all political groups, and the Kremlin has used that sentiment to encourage national pride and underline Russia’s position as a global power.

The Soviet Union lost 27 million people in what it calls the Great Patriotic War in 1941-45, an enormous sacrifice that left a deep scar in the national psyche.

Addressing the crowd in Red Square, Putin praised Russian troops fighting in Ukraine, saying that “we are proud of their courage and determination, their spiritual force that always has brought us victory.”

Putin, who has ruled Russia for 25 years, has turned Victory Day into a key pillar of his tenure and has tried to use it to justify his action in Ukraine.

For Putin, Victory Day celebrations have become “a civic religion that boosts patriotism, nationalism, nostalgia, and justifies both his repressive regime at home and Russia’s increasingly expansionist foreign policy abroad, particularly including towards its neighbors,” Gabuev said.

# Maine Fishers Hope For Boost from Fewer Regs

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STONINGTON, Maine (AP) — Virginia Olsen has pulled lobsters from Maine’s chilly Atlantic waters for decades while watching threats to the state’s lifeblood industry mount.

Trade imbalances with Canada, tight regulations on fisheries and offshore wind farms towering like skyscrapers on open water pose three of those threats, said Olsen, part of the fifth generation in her family to make a living in the lobster trade.

That’s why she was encouraged last month when President Donald Trump signed an executive order that promises to restore American fisheries to their former glory. The order promises to shred fishing regulations, and Olsen said that will allow fishermen to do what they do best — fish.

That will make a huge difference in communities like her home of Stonington, the busiest lobster fishing port in the country, Olsen said. It’s a tiny island town of winding streets, swooping gulls and mansard roof houses with an economy almost entirely dependent on commercial fishing, some three hours up the coast from Portland, Maine’s biggest city.

Olsen knows firsthand how much has changed over the years. Hundreds of fish and shellfish populations globally have dwindled to dangerously low levels, alarming scientists and prompting the restrictions and catch limits that Trump’s order could wash away with the stroke of a pen. But she’s heartened that the livelihoods of people who work the traps and cast the nets have become a priority in faraway places where they often felt their voices weren’t heard.

**A question of sustainability and competitiveness**

But if fishing and lobstering interests finally have a seat at the table, the questions become how much seafood can be served there — and for how long. Trump’s April 17 order, called “Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness,” promises an overhaul of the way America fishes, and cites a national seafood trade deficit of more than \$20 billion as the reason to do it. The order calls on the federal government to reduce the regulatory burden on fishermen by later this month.

It arrives at a time when conservation groups and many marine scientists say the ocean needs more regulation, not less. One oft-cited 2020 study led by a scientist at the University of British Columbia looked at more than 1,300 fish and invertebrate populations and found that 82% were below levels that can produce maximum sustainable yields. The

university said the study “discovered global declines, some severe, of many popularly consumed species.”

Trump’s order prioritizes commerce over conservation. It also calls for the development of a comprehensive seafood trade strategy and a review of existing marine monuments, which are underwater protected zones, to see if any should be opened for fishing. At least one, the Pacific Islands Heritage Marine National Monument, has already been reopened.

Many commercial fishermen and fishing trade groups lauded the order. Members of the industry, one of the oldest in the country, have long made the case that heavy regulations — many intended to protect the health of fish populations — leave the U.S. at a competitive disadvantage to the fleets of countries that don’t bear the same kind of burden. That disadvantage is a big piece of why America imports more than two-thirds of its seafood, they argue.

**Not all fishermen are on board**  
But the support for deregulation is not unanimous among fishermen. Some say strong conservation laws are critical to protecting species that fishermen rely on to make a living.

In Alaska, for example, Matt Wiebe said the executive order “terrifies” him. A commercial fisherman with more than 50 years of experience fishing for salmon, he said the order could potentially harm the Bristol Bay sockeye salmon fishery, which has received praise from sustainability organizations for careful management of the fish supply.

Absent that management, he said the world’s largest sockeye salmon fishery could go the way of the New England cod fishing business, which collapsed due in large part to overfishing and has never recovered.

“Since New England fishers lost their cod fishery due to overfishing, many other fisheries came to respect and depend on conservation efforts,” Wiebe said. “We fish because it’s what we do, and conservation efforts mean we and our kids can fish into the future.”

The executive order arrived at a time when America’s commercial fishermen are coping with environmental challenges and the decline of some once-marketable species. Maine’s historic shrimp fishery shuttered more than a decade ago, California’s salmon industry is struggling through closures and the number of fish stocks on the federal overfished list has grown in recent years.

There is also the looming question of what Trump’s trade war with major seafood producers such as Canada and China will mean for the U.S. industry — not to mention American consumers.

# New FEMA Head Has Tough Advice for Staff

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The new head of the federal agency tasked with responding to disasters across the country warned staff in a meeting today not to try to impede upcoming changes, saying that “I will run right over you” while also suggesting policy changes that would push more responsibilities to the states.

David Richardson, a former Marine Corps officer who served in Afghanistan, Iraq and Africa, was named acting administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday just after Cameron Hamilton, who’d been leading the agency, also in an acting role, was fired.

Richardson has been the Department of Homeland Security’s assistant secretary for countering weapons of mass destruction. He does not appear to have any experience in managing natural disasters, but in an early morning call with the entire agency staff he said that the agency would stick to its mission and said he’d be the one interpreting any guidance from President Donald Trump.

Prefacing his comments with the words “Now this is the tough part,” Richardson said during the call with staffers across the thousands-strong agency that he understands people can be nervous during times of change. But he had a warning for those who might not like the changes — a group he estimated to be about 20% of any organization.

“Don’t get in my way if you’re those 20% of the people,” he said. “I know all the tricks.”  
“Obfuscation. Delay. Undermin-

ing. If you’re one of those 20% of the people and you think those tactics and techniques are going to help you, they will not because I will run right over you,” he said. “I will achieve the president’s intent. I am as bent on achieving the president’s intent as I was on making sure that I did my duty when I took my Marines to Iraq.”

He previewed what might be ahead. Richardson also reminded staff that FEMA is part of the Department of Homeland Security: “Don’t forget that.”

In a preview of what might be coming in terms of changes in policy, Richardson also said there would be more “cost-sharing with the states.”

“We’re going to find out how to do things better, and we’re going find out how to push things down to the states that should be done at the state level. Also going to find out how we can do more cost sharing with the states,” he said.

This issue — how much states, as opposed to the federal government, should pay for disaster recovery — has been a growing concern, especially at a time of an increasing number of natural disasters that often require Congress to repeatedly replenish the federal fund that pays for recovery.

But states often argue that they are already paying for most disaster recoveries on their own and are only going to the federal government for those events truly outside of their ability to respond.

Richardson did not take questions from the staff members, saying he wanted them to first read memos he was going to be sending out later today. He planned a town hall next week, when he will take questions from the staff.

# Air Traffic Controllers In Newark Lose Their Radar

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The air traffic controllers directing planes into the Newark, New Jersey, airport briefly lost their radar today morning for the second time in two weeks, renewing concerns about the nation’s aging air traffic control system that President Donald Trump wants to overhaul.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the radar at the facility in Philadelphia that directs planes in and out of Newark airport went black for 90 seconds at 3:55 a.m. today. That’s similar to what happened on April 28.

That first radar outage led to hundreds of flights being canceled or delayed at the Newark airport in the past two weeks after the FAA slowed down traffic at the airport to ensure safety. Five controllers also went on trauma leave after that outage, worsening the existing shortage. It’s not clear if any additional controllers will go on leave now.

The number of cancellations of Newark departures jumped from the low 40s to 68 today after this latest outage to lead the nation, according to

# Liam, Olivia Top List Of Baby Names

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Liam and Olivia dominate. Still.

The two names have, for a sixth year together, topped the list of names for babies born in the U.S. in 2024.

The Social Security Administration annually tracks the names given to girls and boys in each state, with names dating back to 1880. In time for Mother’s Day, the agency on Friday released the most popular names from applications for Social Security cards.

Liam has reigned for eight years in a row for boys, while Olivia has topped the girls’ list for six. Also, for the sixth consecutive year, Emma took the second slot for girls, and Noah for boys.

The girls’ name Luna slipped out of the Top 10 and was replaced by Sofia, which enters at number 10 for the first time.

After Liam, the most common names for boys are, in order: Noah, Oliver, Theodore, James, Henry, Mateo, Elijah, Lucas and William.

After Olivia, the most common names for girls are Emma, Amelia, Charlotte, Mia, Sophia, Isabella, Evelyn, Ava and Sofia.

Sophie Kihm, editor-in-chief of nameberry, a baby naming website, said the latest data showcases how American parents are increasingly choosing names that have cross-cultural appeal. Kihm’s first name shows up in two variations on the annual list.

“A trend we’re tracking is that Americans are more likely to choose heritage choices,” Kihm said, including names that work “no matter where you are in the world.”

“More families in the U.S. come from mixed cultural backgrounds and I hear parents commonly request that they want their child to travel and have a relatively easy to understand name.”

The Social Security Administration’s latest data show that 3.61 million babies were born in the U.S. in 2024.

# China-U.S. Trade Talks: Who Reached Out First?

By PAUL WISEMAN, DIDI TANG  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The way President Donald Trump sees it, beating China in a trade war should be easy.

After all, his logic goes, the Chinese sell Americans three times as much stuff as Americans sell them. Therefore, they have more to lose. Inflict enough pain — like the combined 145% taxes he slapped on Chinese imports last month — and they’ll beg for mercy.

Trump’s treasury secretary, Scott Bessent has confidently compared Beijing to a card player stuck with a losing hand. “They’re playing with a pair of twos,” he said.

Somebody forgot to tell China. So far, the Chinese have refused to fold under the pressure of Trump’s massive tar-

iffs. Instead, they have retaliated with triple-digit tariffs of their own.

“All bullies are just paper tigers,” the Chinese Foreign Ministry declared in a video last week. “Kneeling only invites more bullying.”

The stakes are high between the world’s two biggest economies whose trade topped \$660 billion last year. Bessent and Trump’s top trade negotiator, Jamieson Greer, are heading to Geneva this weekend for initial trade talks with top Chinese officials. Trump suggested today that the U.S. could lower its tariffs on China, saying in a Truth Social post that “80% Tariff seems right! Up to Scott.”

While businesses and investors welcome any easing of tensions, the prospects for a quick and significant breakthrough appear dim.

“These are talks about talks, and China may be coming to assess what’s on the table -- or even just to buy time,” said Craig Singleton, senior China fellow at the Washington-based think tank Foundation for Defense of Democracies. “There’s no shared roadmap or clear pathway to de-escalation.”

But if the two countries eventually agree to scale back the massive taxes — tariffs — they’ve slapped on each other’s goods, it would relieve world financial markets and companies on both sides of the Pacific Ocean that depend on U.S.-China trade.

“The companies involved in this trade on both sides just cannot afford waiting anymore,” said economist John Gong of the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing.

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and trying to put a square peg in a round hole for us.”

Rep. Louise Stutes, R-Kodiak, said she doesn’t understand why that suddenly became difficult for the Department of Revenue to do.

“I am not buying your story, and this is a huge red flag for me,” she said.

“When you’ve got hundreds of millions of dollars involved, I’m worried,” Stutes said.

Legislative attorney Emily Nauman said she believes the new bill will resolve the ongoing dispute “if the department complies with the law.”

If not, she said, the topic could head to the courts.

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