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Art of Illustrations

Michaela Goade, a Caldecott medalist and New York Times bestseller for her illustrations, reads from her 2022 book, "Berry Song," at Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School May 6. Goade told the audience this was the first chil-

dren's book she both illustrated and wrote. In her presentation, which was attended by about 100 children and adults, she discussed the process of writing and creating paintings for publication. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

Sitka High Pitcher Logs Rare Perfect Game

GARLAND KENNEDY
Sentinel Staff Writer

Fueled by dominant pitching performances, Sitka High routed the Ketchikan Kings in a three-game baseball series in Ketchikan, first winning 3-2 Friday, following up with 24-0 and 16-0 wins in the two games played on Saturday.

The series started with a no-hitter on Friday pitched by Sitka High senior Bryce Compagno-Calhoun. The next day, his cousin, Caleb Calhoun, a junior, followed up with not only a no-hitter but one of the rarest accomplishments in baseball – a perfect game.

Calhoun struck out 15 batters in a row, not giving up any hits or walks in the five innings of play.

His pitching was backed up by solid catching by Tanner Steinson, and the game ended after five innings instead of seven due to the mercy rule, with Sitka up by 24 runs.

"I just felt quick, and it felt like the whole game was in my hands and I had control," Calhoun said at practice Monday. "I just wanted to deal, that was it, just throw as hard as I could."

While pitchers occasionally throw perfect or immaculate innings, perfect games are beyond rare in baseball at any level. Sitka coach Kenny Carley said he was unaware of any perfect game pitched in a high school game prior to Saturday.

"I've never seen it, not in high school level, probably I never will again. It's pretty amazing -- 15 batters, he struck out every one of them," Carley said, noting that Calhoun averaged about 4 pitches per batter. "...It might happen in Little League when the kids aren't quite as good, every now and then you get a dominant pitcher when the hit-



Sitka High's Caleb Calhoun pitches a perfect game, striking out all 15 batters he faced in a 24-0, five-inning Sitka win over Kayhi at Norman Walker Field on Saturday. (Photo by Christopher Mullen / Ketchikan Daily News)

ters aren't that good yet. But in high school, it's unheard of. You'll see no-hitters, but never a perfect game. Someone's always going to get on base somehow."

According to a sports history piece on mlb.com, there have been 24 perfect games in major league baseball going back to the late 1800s. Carley said he and his son witnessed one of those games: they were in the stands

at Seattle's Safeco Field on April 21, 2012 when Phil Humber pitched a perfect game for the White Sox in a 4-0 rout of the Mariners.

"The perfect game stuff, I have goosebumps just talking about it, because it's just something you don't see," the coach said. "About 10 years ago, I was able to see it thrown in the pros. That was the 22nd or 23rd ever thrown in history," he recalled.

Alaskan high school pitchers have thrown a lot of strikeouts, but it is exceedingly uncommon for pitchers to throw 15 or more strikeouts in a game, says Van Williams, editor of the Alaska Sports Report.

Williams told the Sentinel that in his records only a handful Anchorage-area pitchers have hit that mark in the period since pitch counts were kept in high school games in Alaska. They are Carl Colavecchio, who threw 16 strikeouts for Bartlett High in 2021 and Hunter Christian, who threw 15 for the Service Cougars in 2024. Grace Christian's Colton Reger holds the strikeout record for the pitch count era, with 18 strikeouts thrown in a 2022 game. Prior to the institution of pitch count rules, the record for high school strikeouts in Alaska is 19, set by Chad Bentz for Juneau in 1999 and equaled by West Anchorage's Dalton Chapman in 2014, Williams said.

Calhoun threw only 68 pitches in the Wolves' game against Ketchikan last Friday. That number was low enough that he could have pitched again the next day, but he did not. Alaskan pitchers are capped at about 120 pitches, after which they need four days of rest.

The final batter, Carley recalled, used up seven of Calhoun's 68 pitches and nearly got onto base but couldn't make it.

"He was the first guy to really foul off anything -- he fouled off three or four," Carley said. "Then we got worried. We knew in our heads what was going on, but we didn't want to jinx it. So we were all quiet, and then as soon as he got the last strike it was, we knew it was done."

"It's a once in a lifetime achievement," the coach said.

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New Offshore Regs Tangle Alaska Anglers

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New rules for Alaska resident sport fishermen in the federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone will be the subject of a public Alaska Department of Fish and Game "preseason meeting" Wednesday night in Centennial Hall.

For the first time, residents who are sport fishing this year in the EEZ must follow all nonresident seasons, bag and possession limits, annual limits and size limits. The EEZ is the offshore, federal waters between three nautical miles and 200 nautical miles from shore.

Of all Southeast communities, Sitka is most engaged with this change, as resident anglers can readily access the EEZ, ADF&G Sitka Area Manager Troy Tydingco said in a recent interview.

The new rules also concern sport anglers near west Prince of Wales Island, Yakutat and Cross Sound, which are within easy reach of the zone that's being regulated.

The change follows a ruling by the Alaska Board of Fisheries at its Southeast meeting in February over a proposal (105) by California lawmaker Marc Gorelnik that sought to equalize "differential regulations for resident and nonresident anglers" in federal waters.

Gorelnik's proposal cited the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation Act, which first took effect in 1976, and provides that "you may not apply management provisions that differentiate

between residents of different states" in federal waters, Tydingco said.

He explained that ADF&G sets rules for sport fishing in the EEZ because the department has "delegated management authority from the federal government to manage sport fisheries" in federal waters, with the exception of halibut sport fisheries, which are federally managed.

He said that, historically, it wasn't relevant for the state to set up bag limits specific to the EEZ, where there is low fishing effort.

In 2021, 2022 and 2023, residents' harvest from the EEZ comprised less than 1 percent of all resident king salmon harvest, 2 percent of lingcod harvest, 2 percent of nonpelagic rockfish harvest and 7 percent of all resident black cod harvest in Southeast, per ADF&G harvest survey data.

Nonresidents' harvest from the EEZ is higher for all species, except king salmon. An average 38% of all nonresident-caught black cod, and 20% of all nonresident harvest of nonpelagic rockfish came from the EEZ in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Until this year, all state regulations for residents have applied in both state and federal waters, even when they allow residents to harvest more fish at more times of year from the EEZ.

"Historically, it hasn't even been an issue," Tydingco said. "As the sport fleet has gotten bigger, better boats, Continued on Back Page

Alaska Senators Send House Bill to End DST

By JAMES BROOKS
Alaska Beacon

Alaska would be on the same time zone as Seattle for four months of the year, if a bill passed Monday by the Alaska Senate becomes law.

The Senate voted 18-2 to pass Senate Bill 26, which would eliminate daylight saving time in Alaska and ask the federal government to put Alaska on Pacific Standard Time.

"Senate Bill 26 is a compromise that addresses long-standing frustrations with Alaska's timekeeping system," said Sen. Kelly Merrick, R-Eagle River and the bill's sponsor. "This bill would permanently exempt Alaska from daylight saving time, keeping us on standard time year-round."

If fully implemented, the bill would leave Alaska in the same time zone as Seattle from November through early March.

The rest of the year, it would be one hour behind that city, as Washington state observes daylight saving time. If Congress passes a bill allowing permanent daylight saving time, Alaska would return to being one hour behind Seattle permanently.

Merrick said her bill is supported by the state's tourism trade association, as well as financial institutions, "because it keeps us within three or four hours of the stock market and financial center in New York."

Daylight saving time has been a regular topic of conversation in the Alaska Legislature.

The Alaska Senate voted to request the elimination of daylight saving time in 2015, but the House failed to pass the bill.

No DST bill was introduced in 2017 or 2018, but since then, a daylight saving time bill has been introduced in either the House or Senate every year since 2019.

The bill goes in a different direction from Alaska's neighbor, Yukon, which moved to permanent daylight time in 2020, leaving the territory geographically adjacent but two hours away, chronologically, from November through early March.

For a century, Alaska stretched over four time zones. That changed in 1983, when the state's time zones were consolidated to two, with Yakutat being the only community that kept its previous time zone. The result means that in most parts of Alaska, the clock has little to do with the position of the sun in the sky.

Sen. Scott Kawasaki, D-Fairbanks, proposed a competing bill that would move Alaska to permanent Alaska Standard Time, but that idea stalled out in committee.

"I do believe that permanent standard time makes more sense for daylight. It's more in sync for where we're at. However, because we're at such a high latitude, it matters a lot less," he said, explaining that the amount of daylight changes rapidly throughout the year.

Kawasaki ended up voting for the bill. "My main issue with time is that you have to reset your clocks twice,

and that's a big pain in the ass," he said. Sens. Bert Stedman, R-Sitka, and Robert Myers, R-North Pole, shared his concerns about solar time but voted against the bill.

"I've opposed changing it numerous times over the years," Stedman said. "It just doesn't work relative to sun time," he said.

Myers said the bill has the potential to aggravate that problem.

"I am not a fan of the time zone change portion of that bill," he said. "Most of Alaska ... is already an hour off of where we should be solar time, and there are some studies out there dealing with both health and energy use that say we should stay close to solar time."

"I really would love to see the federal government repeal daylight saving time across the board," he said.

In April, President Donald Trump said he was open to the idea and urged Congress to pass a bill making daylight saving time permanent, thus eliminating the annual clock change.

That makes this the right time to pass SB 26, Merrick said.

"Having the federal administration on board greatly increases our chances of successfully eliminating daylight saving time," she said. "I know sometimes change is hard, but SB 26 will keep us from having to change our clocks, at least."

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Wednesday, May 14
Passengers
7214 (capacity)

Viking Venus
O'Connell Bridge
8am – 4pm

Eurodam
Sitka Cruise Terminal
8am – 4pm

Quantum of the Seas
Sitka Cruise Terminal
9:30am – 5pm

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



EARLY VOTING - Tourists and locals walk through the lobby at Harri-gan Centennial Hall this afternoon in front of a room dedicated to early voting. As of this afternoon 111 votes had been cast in the election to decide on a ballot initiative to limit the number of cruise ships visiting Sitka. The regular election is slated May 28. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

Hilcorp Faces \$49K Fine For Cook Inlet Violations

By YERETH ROSEN
Alaska Beacon

Alaska regulators have assessed a \$49,000 fine against Hilcorp for lapses in Cook Inlet offshore well management.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission said on Monday that Hilcorp, the dominant operator in the Cook Inlet basin, failed to meet an annual deadline to discuss its well plugging and abandonment activities. That annual meeting was to have taken place on Dec. 1, the AOGCC said in its order. The earliest date that Hilcorp offered for the meeting was Feb. 17, according to the order.

Hilcorp acknowledged missing the deadline but submitted some written information to address the commission's concerns and "to ensure all conditions of approval are complied with in the future," the order said.

The company has 20 days to contest the assessed penalty, the order said.

It was the first enforcement action taken by the AOGCC against Hilcorp

this year, according to the commission's records.

In 2024, however, Hilcorp was the subject of five separate AOGCC orders concerning violations on both the North Slope and in the Cook Inlet basin. The three North Slope cases resulted in penalties of \$452,100, \$260,477 and \$55,000, while the two Cook Inlet cases resulted in fines of \$86,000 and \$50,000.

Hilcorp, a privately held independent based in Texas, has become one of the two biggest oil producers in Alaska. The company gained that position after taking over fields and assets previously held by BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. BP left Alaska in 2020.

In comparison, ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc., the other major Alaska oil producer, has been the subject of far fewer AOGCC enforcement actions. There were none taken against ConocoPhillips in 2024.

In 2023, however, ConocoPhillips re-

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House GOP Launches Hearings On Big Bill

By **LISA MASCARO** and **KEVIN FREKING**
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax breaks tallying more than \$5 trillion — but also sizable reductions in Medicaid health care, food stamps for older Americans and green energy strategies to fight climate change — are facing sharp debate today as House Republicans grind through marathon hearings on their “big, beautiful bill.” It’s still a long night ahead. Republicans are working to push President Donald Trump’s signature legislative package through a gauntlet of committees over mounting opposition from Democrats, advocacy groups and even some wary Republicans themselves. Right from the start, one meeting was immediately disrupted by protesters shouting down what the panel’s top Democrat called “cruel” cuts to Medicaid.

“People feel very strong because they know they’re losing their health care,” said Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., on the Energy & Commerce Committee. He asked for the police to refrain from making arrests, noting that some of the people protesting were disabled. And on it went for hours. It’s the biggest political and legislative debate for the Republicans leading Congress since Trump’s first term, setting up a career-defining clash over the nation’s priorities, all coming at a time of economic unease with Trump’s trade war and other uncertainties.

Trump, speaking at a forum in the Middle East, struck an ambitious chord, saying Congress was “on the verge of passing the largest tax cut and regulation cut in American history.” “If we get that, that will be like a rocket ship for our country,” Trump said in Saudi Arabia. But to be sure, there are many more steps before the package becomes law. At its core, the goal for GOP lawmakers is to extend — and enhance — tax cuts approved in 2017, adding the president’s campaign promises for no taxes on tips, Social Security income and car loan interest. There’s also larger standard deduction, \$32,000 for couples, a boost to the Child Tax Credit and a potentially higher cap of \$30,000 on state and local tax deductions, known as SALT, among others.

That’s offset by \$1.9 trillion in savings largely from the rollback of green energy tax credits, for a net tally of \$3.7 trillion in costs over the decade, according to the most recent estimates — along with billions more in savings from the safety net cuts. Additionally, the Republicans are boosting spending on their GOP priorities, with \$350 billion for Trump’s mass deportation plans and funding for the Pentagon.

At the same time, the Republicans are seeking to defray the lost tax revenue and avoid skyrocketing national deficits by with another GOP goal, which is scaling back federal spending. The Republicans are proposing cuts of nearly \$800 billion over the decade to the Medicaid health care program, which is used by 70 million Americans; \$290 billion to food aid in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known as SNAP; and others. Tucked into the package is a smattering of other provisions important to the White House — including one that would allow the Trump administration to yank the tax exempt status of groups it says support terrorists, sending a chill through civil society organizations who warn it’s a way to punish opponents.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries accused Republicans of “jamming another GOP tax scam” that benefits the wealthy at the expense of programs and services used by many Americans. Speaker Mike Johnson is determined to push the package through the House by Memorial Day, sending it to the Senate, where Republicans are working on their own version and approach. Johnson and his leadership team have been conferring constantly with Trump at every step.

Rep. Jason Smith, the Republican

chairman of the Ways & Means tax writing committee said he met with Trump on Friday and went over the tax provisions “line by line.” “He was very happy with what we’re delivering,” Smith said. Today, the final three of 11 House committees working on the package drilled down on some of the largest components.

Tempers flared in the hearing rooms. At one point, Rep. Brett Guthrie, the Republican chairman of the Energy & Commerce Committee, banned lawmakers from accusing colleagues of “lying.”

Democrats up posters of constituents with the words “Medicaid Matters.” One, Rep. Marc Veasey of Texas, put one on speaker phone to share her story — until her testimony was ruled out of order.

Estimates from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office show that at least 7.6 million people could lose health insurance with the Medicaid cuts, and potentially more with the changes to the Affordable Care Act. Mostly, the health care changes involve imposing new work requirements for aid recipients.

But Republican Rep. Gary Palmer of Alabama said his side is trying to make the health care program work better by rooting out waste and inefficiencies.

“We’re trying to save Medicaid,” he said.

As the minority party in Congress, Democrats unable to stop the bill, are planning to use the procedural tools available in to slow down the process. The hearings are expected to push into the morning hours.

Republicans have dissent within their own ranks over the health care and green energy cuts, which shows the pressure points ahead.

Smith suggested that some changes could be made to the bill to win over those high-tax state lawmakers from New York and California who believe the proposed SALT cap is inadequate.

“There’s a little bit of wiggle room there to try to deliver additional priorities,” Smith said.

With the slimmest majority in the House, Johnson has just a few votes to spare, and is running into resistance from his party, including lawmakers in the Senate, which also has thin GOP margins.

The lawmakers are racing for a July 4 deadline to have the whole package sent to Trump’s desk in time to also avoid a dangerous debt default. The Treasury Secretary has said federal tax revenues are running short and Congress needs to raise the spending limit to keep paying the bills.

The package includes a \$4 trillion boost to the nation’s now \$36 trillion debt limit, enough to fund operations past the 2026 midterm election.

Kim Kardashian Testifies About Violent Robbery

PARIS (AP) — Kim Kardashian said a silent prayer — for her sister, her best friend, her family — as a masked man pulled her toward him in a Paris hotel room during the 2016 jewelry heist that changed her life. She wore a bathrobe. Her hands were zip-tied. Her mouth was taped. She thought she wouldn’t survive.

“I was certain that was the moment that he was going to rape me,” she told a Paris court Tuesday. “I absolutely did think I was going to die.”

She said she was getting ready for bed when she heard stomping on the stairs. At first, she thought it was her sister Kourtney and a friend returning drunk from a night out at Paris Fashion Week. “Hello? Hello? Who is it?” she called out. Then masked men stormed the room.

She grabbed her phone but didn’t know the French emergency number. She tried to call her sister and bodyguard, but one man stopped her. The men threw her on the bed, zip-tied her hands and pressed a gun to her.

“I have babies,” Kardashian said, according to her testimony. “I have to make it home. They can take everything. I just have to make it home.”

She was carried into the bathroom. One man taped her mouth. She was told she’d be OK if she stayed quiet.

The last time Kardashian saw the men that police say robbed her, she was locked in the marble bathroom while masked assailants stole more than \$6 million in jewelry. On Tuesday, nearly a decade later, she faced them again — this time, from the witness stand.

Her testimony marked the emotional climax of a trial that has gripped France and reignited debates about the cost of fame and what it means to live in public.

Weather

Sitka Forecast

For tonight expect a low of 42 degrees with mostly cloudy skies. For Wednesday: a high of 52 with partly sunny skies then a 30 percent chance of rain, followed by an overnight low of 42 degrees with rain.

Sitka Weather

Temperatures ranged from 37 to 48 degrees, winds were calm and no rain fell, the National Weather Service says.



President Donald Trump and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman gesture as they meet delegations at the Royal Palace in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, today. (AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

Prince Presents Trump With a Royal Welcome

By **CHRIS MEGERIAN**
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The fist bump seems so long ago.

Three years after Joe Biden’s cursory greeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Donald Trump luxuriated in an extravagant royal welcome as he arrived in Saudi Arabia today.

Concerns about human rights and fossil fuels in the oil-rich autocracy were nowhere on the agenda. Instead the day was all about cutting deals and celebrating a personal relationship that has endured through scandal and political turmoil.

“I really believe we like each other a lot,” Trump said as they sat on gold-en chairs under elaborate chandeliers in the royal palace. During a speech later in the day, the president described Prince Mohammed as an “incredible man” and “my friend.”

The feeling was clearly mutual. The crown prince addressed his guest as “my dear President Trump,” and the Saudis played his campaign anthems — “God Bless the U.S.A.” and “YMCA “ — during his appearance at an investment forum.

For the U.S. Republican president, the visit was a return to the international stage after his comeback election victory (Exactly one year ago, he was on trial in a hush money case and listening to his former lawyer testify against him in a New York City courtroom.)

Although Trump recently attended the funeral of Pope Francis in Rome, Saudi Arabia was originally intended to be his initial overseas destination, just like in his first term. It served as a gilded debut for a foreign policy focused on securing cash infusions for American businesses.

Trump pumped his fist as he stepped out of Air Force One, then descended the stairs to shake hands with Prince Mohammed, who greeted his guest on the tarmac in a rare display of respect.

The crown prince, Saudi Arabia’s de facto ruler, has been eager to rehabilitate his global image after the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, which U.S. intelligence officials accused him of ordering. He’s also seeking an economic revival for the kingdom to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels, and the occasion was an opportunity to demonstrate that the floodgates for investment were open again.

The guest list for an elaborate luncheon was stuffed with corporate executives,

including Ruth Porat of Google, Stephen Schwarzman of the Blackstone Group, Jane Fraser of Citicorp, Alex Karp of Palantir and Jensen Huang of NVIDIA. Also attending was Elon Musk, the world’s richest person and a top adviser to Trump.

As Air Force One approached Riyadh, Saudi pilots in six American-made F-15 fighter jets escorted the plane. After a traditional coffee ceremony inside the royal terminal at the airport, Trump’s limousine was flanked by riders on white Arabian horses carrying American and Saudi flags. A honor guard was lined up with golden swords.

(Missing from the visit was the orb, a glowing sphere a little bigger than a bowling ball that Trump memorably posed for photos with during his trip to Riyadh in his first term.)

Trump has downplayed traditional American alliances in Europe, and often expressed exasperation with the country’s trading and defense partners. But there was no such hesitation in Riyadh, and he said the relationship between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia “has been a bedrock of security and prosperity.”

Biden received little of the same pomp when he visited three years ago. He had previously criticized Saudi Arabia as a “pariah” but decided to travel to the kingdom anyway in an implicit acknowledgement that it was too influential of a global player to ignore.

The crown prince greeted the Democratic president at the palace, which is where the two leaders exchanged their fist bump. Their only other joint public appearance was all business, as they sat across from each other at a large conference table, flanked by top advisers.

Later that year, OPEC+ announced it would reduce oil production in a blow to Biden, whose political fortunes were being battered by inflation. The Democratic president acknowledged that it was “a disappointment, and it says that there are problems” in the U.S.-Saudi relationship. But there was no such friction during Trump’s visit. In his speech, the president flattered Saudi Arabia for its economic development and suggested that foreign leaders shouldn’t be “giving you lectures on how to live and how to govern your own affairs.”

“You achieved a modern miracle the Arabian way,” Trump said.

Prince Mohammed, sitting in the audience, placed his right hand on his heart and beamed.

Trump: Will Act to Give Syria a Chance at Peace

By **ZEKE MILLER, BASSEM MROUE and AAMER MADHANI**
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — President Donald Trump said today that he will ease sanctions on Syria and move to normalize relations with its new government to give the country “a chance at peace.”

Trump made the announcement shortly before he was set to meet Wednesday in Saudi Arabia with Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa, the onetime insurgent who last year led the overthrow of longtime leader Bashar Assad. Trump said the effort at rapprochement came at the urging of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudi de facto ruler, and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

“There is a new government that will hopefully succeed,” Trump said of Syria, adding, “I say, good luck, Syria. Show us something special.”

The developments were a major boost for the Syrian president, who had been imprisoned in Iraq for his role in the insurgency following the 2003 U.S.-led invasion of the Arab country. Al-Sharaa was named president of Syria in January, a month after a stunning offensive by insurgent groups led by al-Sharaa’s Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, or HTS, that stormed Damascus, ending the 54-year rule of the Assad family.

The U.S. has been weighing how to handle al-Sharaa since he took power in December. Gulf leaders have rallied behind the new government in Damascus and want Trump to follow, believing it is a bulwark against Iran’s return to influence in Syria, where it had helped prop up Assad’s government during a decade-long civil war.

Then-President Joe Biden left the decision to Trump, whose administration

has yet to formally recognize the new Syrian government. Sanctions imposed on Damascus under Assad also remain in place.

Before Trump spoke, the White House said he had “agreed to say hello” to the Syrian president while in Saudi Arabia.

The comments marked a striking change in tone from Trump and put him at odds with longtime U.S. ally Israel, which has been deeply skeptical of al-Sharaa’s extremist past and cautioned against swift recognition of the new government.

Formerly known by the nom de guerre Abu Mohammed al-Golani, al-Sharaa joined the ranks of al-Qaida insurgents battling U.S. forces in Iraq after the U.S.-led invasion and still faces a warrant for his arrest on terrorism charges in Iraq. The U.S. once offered \$10 million for information about his whereabouts because of his links to al-Qaida.

Al-Sharaa came back to his home country after the conflict began in 2011 and led al-Qaida’s branch that used to be known as the Nusra Front. He later changed the name of his group to Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and cut links with al-Qaida.

He is set to become the first Syrian leader to meet an American president since Hafez Assad met Bill Clinton in Geneva in 2000.

Syria has historically had fraught relations with Washington since the days of the Cold War, when Damascus had close links with the Soviet Union and later when Syria became Iran’s closest ally in the Arab world. The removal of the Assad family could change the track. Ibrahim Hamidi, a London-based Syrian analyst, said Trump’s planned meeting with al-Sharaa marks a “strategic shift” for the country.

20 Democratic AGs Sue Over Federal Funding

By **KIMBERLEE KRUESI**
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A coalition of 20 state Democratic attorneys general filed two federal lawsuits today, claiming that the Trump administration is threatening to withhold billions of dollars in transportation and disaster-relief funds unless states agree to certain immigration enforcement actions.

According to the complaints, both Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem and Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy have threatened to cut off funding to states that refuse to comply with President Donald Trump’s immigration agenda.

While no federal funding is currently being withheld, California Attorney General Rob Bonta said during a news conference today that the threat was “imminent.”

“President Donald Trump can’t use these funds as a bargaining chip as his way of ensuring states abide by his preferred policies,” Bonta added.

Department of Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security Tricia McLaughlin said in a statement that the lawsuit will not stop the Trump Administration from “restoring the rule of law.”

“Cities and states who break the law and prevent us from arresting criminal illegal aliens should not receive federal funding. The President has been clear on that,” she said.

An email message seeking comment was sent today to the Department of Transportation.

Both lawsuits say that the Trump administration is violating the U.S. Constitution by trying to dictate federal spending when Congress has that power — not the executive branch.

On April 24, states received letters from the Department of Transportation stating that they must cooperate on immigration efforts and eliminate diversity, equity and inclusion programs or risk losing funds.

New Jersey Attorney General Matthew Platkin criticized the timing of Duffy’s letter when Newark’s airport struggles with radar outages and other issues.

“I wish the administration would stop playing politics with people’s

lives,” Platkin said. “I wish Secretary Duffy would do his damn job, which is to make sure planes land on time, not to direct immigration enforcement.”

Meanwhile, on Feb. 24, states received letters from the Department of Homeland Security declaring that states that “refuse to cooperate with, refuse to share information with, or even actively obstruct federal immigration enforcement reject these ideals and the history we share in common as Americans.”

“If any government entity chooses to thumb its nose at the Department of Homeland Security’s national security and public safety mission, it should not receive a single dollar of the Department’s money unless Congress has specifically required it,” Noem wrote in her letter.

Attorneys general behind the lawsuits include the following states: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Washington, Wisconsin and Vermont.

The cases are being spearheaded by California but were filed in federal court in Rhode Island, a detail that the attorneys general defended by saying they filed in “any court that is going to be fair and objective and consider our factual presentation and legal analysis.”

The lawsuits are the latest legal actions that Democratic-led states have taken against Trump since he took office earlier this year. Bonta noted that California has filed more than 20 lawsuits against the administration, while Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronha said his state has launched more than a dozen.

While the lawsuits have challenged policies on tariffs, federal employee firings to health care research, Trump’s focus on immigration enforcement and the mass deportation of immigrants in the United States illegally have received the most attention.

This has included the president’s promise to mass deport people to the start of a registry required for all those who are in the country illegally.

“What we’re seeing is a creeping authoritarianism,” Neronha said.

FDA and RFK Jr. Target Products With Fluoride

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. health regulators announced an effort today to phase out ingestible fluoride supplements sometimes used to strengthen children’s teeth, opening a new front in Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s effort against a mainstay of dental care.

The Food and Drug Administration said it will conduct a scientific review of the children’s products by late October with the aim of removing them from the market. Formally withdrawing medical products requires a lengthy rulemaking process that can take years. Instead, the FDA will ask manufacturers to voluntarily pull their products, according to an administration official.

Fluoride tablets and lozenges are sometimes recommended for children and teens at increased risk of tooth decay or cavities because of low fluoride in their local drinking water. Companies also sell drops for babies.

FDA Commissioner Marty Makary said the products pose a risk when swallowed because they may interfere with healthy gut bacteria that are critical to digestion, immunity and other key bodily functions. He also referenced studies showing possible associations between excess fluoride intake and other problems, including decreased IQ.

Previous reviews by public health experts and dental professionals have not shown any serious health risks with the products.

As state and local governments begin removing fluoride from their water, the need for supplemental fluoride is expected to grow.

Officials in Utah — the first U.S. state to ban fluoride from drinking water — recently made fluoride supplements available without a prescription.

Fluoride strengthens teeth and reduces cavities by replacing minerals lost during normal wear and tear, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 1962, the agency set guidelines for how much should be added to water.

Kennedy, a former environmental lawyer, has called fluoride a “dangerous neurotoxin” tied to a range of health dangers. Last month, he announced a task force to scrutinize fluoride’s use, while at the same time saying he would order the CDC to stop recommending that it be added to tap water.

A report last year by the federal government’s National Toxicology Program concluded that drinking water with more than twice the CDC’s recommended level was associated with lower IQs in kids. The study was based on research conducted in Canada, China, India, Iran, Pakistan and Mexico.

“Ending the use of ingestible flu-

oride is long overdue,” Kennedy said in a statement today. “This decision brings us one step closer to delivering on President Trump’s promise to Make America Healthy Again.”

An influential government health panel recommends fluoride supplements for children between the ages of six months and 5 years if they live in areas with low fluoridation levels. The U.S. Preventative Services Task Forces judged the recommendation to have “high certainty,” based on the available evidence.

A 2010 paper from the American Dental Association recommended supplemental fluoride for children up to 16 years old who are at high risk of cavities. The recommendation was based on a review of studies across different age groups. The most common side effect associated with the products is spotting or discoloration of the teeth, caused by extra fluoride.

The ADA did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The FDA regulates most dental products, including fluoride-containing toothpastes, supplements, mouthwashes and rinses. But in today’s press release, the FDA said the ingestible products targeted by the agency have “never been approved.” Its plan wouldn’t affect toothpastes, mouthwash or fluoride treatments used by adults or offered in dentists’ offices.

In recent weeks fluoride-containing products have increasingly been targeted with lawsuits and legal actions.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton announced an investigation early this month into the marketing of fluoride toothpastes by Colgate-Palmolive and Procter and Gamble. A press release from his office described the companies’ promotions as “misleading, deceptive and dangerous.”

Sitka Yesterday

20 YEARS AGO
May 2005

Women, men and children are invited to participate in the first Mother’s Day Hat Parade Sunday, Michelle Friedman, an organizer of the event and a member of the nonprofit advocacy group RESULTS, hopes it will become an annual event. In photo at right, Katie Briggs, Amanda Pelle, Mary Morgan and Willow Griffin wear hats outside the White Elephant Shop.

50 YEARS AGO
May 1975

Photo caption: Arrowhead Lions Club President Roger Howard presents a certificate of appreciation to Ed Flynn, accepting on behalf of Pioneer Bar proprietor Harry Sulser, during a recent pizza party at the bar. The Lions commended Sulser for his cooperation in making his place available for fund-raising pizza parties.

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Fisheries Partners Grants Available

The Office of Subsistence Management is currently seeking proposals for the upcoming 2026 Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program that strengthen Alaska Native and rural involvement in federal subsistence management.

The Partners Program is a competitive grant that is directed at providing salary funding for biologists, social scientists, and outreach/educator positions in Alaska Native and rural nonprofit organizations with the intent of increasing the organizations' ability to participate in federal subsistence management, a press release from the subsistence management organization said.

In addition, the program supports a variety of opportunities for local, rural students to connect with subsistence resource monitoring and management through science camps and paid internships.

The notice of funding opportunity can be viewed on www.grant-solutions.gov and www.grants.gov (search for notice of funding number D25AS00215). The full application package is available on the Federal Subsistence Management Program website at <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence/partners>.

Contact Jarred Stone and Liz Williams at the contact information above if you have questions during the application process. The deadline for applications is May 16.

Information about the program may be found on the web at www.doi.gov/subsistence or by visiting www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska.

School Policy Panel to Meet

Sitka School District's policy committee will meet 5 p.m. May 15 in the District Office Boardroom.

A link to a full list of policies to be reviewed may be found on the district website. No action will be taken at this open meeting.

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State Parks Recruiting for Advisory Panel

Alaska State Parks announces the formation of a Southeast Regional Citizen Advisory Board to represent Southeast Alaska communities and provide feedback, recommendations and discussions to assist State Parks with future management and operational strategies, a press release said.

Applications for board seats will be accepted until May 15. The new board will be announced on July 1.

Alaska State Parks Citizen Advisory Boards assist park staff across the state with management and development issues. An advisory board varies between seven and 15 members.

Appointments are made by the Director of Alaska State Parks for up to three-year terms. Parks currently has 11 active advisory boards, commissions or councils across the state. The Southeast board will make 12 CABs in Alaska.

"In Southeast Alaska, the three citizen advisory boards that existed prior to 2020 became increasingly difficult to manage with dwindling time and energy among the members in each community," said Director of Alaska State Parks Ricky Gease. "By combining the CABs, we can add two more communities and find representatives from each local region to maximize our staff resources and streamline the process."

Ten board members will represent the various communities to form the united Southeast Alaska Citizen Advisory Board, he said.

The board is seeking interest from the following communities:

- Ketchikan, two members
- Wrangell, one member
- Sitka, two members
- Juneau, three members
- Haines, two members.

The application can be accessed on the Parks website: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/advisboardapp.pdf>.

More information about advisory boards can be found there as well as recordings or minutes of past meetings of all advisory boards: <https://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/misc/boards.htm>.

Questions or inquiries by potential applicants can be directed to The Southeast Parks office at: (907) 465-4563 or dnr.pkssoutheast@alaska.gov.

The Department of Natural Resources' mission is to develop, conserve and maximize the use of Alaska's natural resources consistent with the public interest, the press release said.

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

Sheenák Offering Locals Day Event

Sheenák Park/Sheet'ká Treetop Adventures will offer a locals day event noon-3 p.m. May 18 at 4951 Halibut Point Road, just past the cruise terminal.

Event highlights include a cultural welcome and ribbon cutting, noon-12:45 p.m.; barbecue lunch, 12:45 p.m. until gone; and free aerial adventures.

Parking is at the ferry terminal where shuttles will run to Sheenak Park every 15 minutes beginning at 11:45 a.m. Limited parking is available on-site for elders and those with limited mobility.

Those with questions can email tonia@sheeatika.com.

Closure Noted For Scrap Yard

The city scrap yard located at Gary Paxton Industrial Park will be closed 8-9 a.m. Thursday, May 15.

Sitka Tells Tales About Place

Sitka Tells Tales, the local live storytelling series, will present the radio broadcast premiere of "About Place: Stories of Seeing and Celebrating the Tongass" 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20. It will air and stream on Raven Radio, KCAW.org.

Stories will be by Naomi Jones, Dan Evans, Bob Sam, Selena Zhao, Jacquie Foss and Mitchell Feske.

The presentation will be hosted by Artchange Inc., Sitka Conservation Society and the Skipper Science Partnership. For information and to hear past episodes of Sitka Tells Tales go to www.artchangeinc.org.

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.

Path of Hope Cleanup on Tap

Sitka Cancer Survivor's Society invites the public to help with a spring cleanup event at the Path of Hope noon Saturday, May 31.

"We trim, rake, clean, shine and enjoy each other's company," organizers said. "So bring your gear and join us next to Lower Moller Field."

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.



The Russian Orthodox Cemetery chapel is pictured today. Vandals damaged the building over the weekend. (Sentinel Photo)

Police Blotter

Sitka Police Department logged the following calls in the 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. today.

May 12

At 9:31 a.m. police checked on the welfare of a man at the skate park who seemed to be having health issues. Police found the issues were the result of activity the night before and he was okay.

A school reported a worker had been found to have taken cleaning supplies but the school did not want to press charges.

A woman was reported harassing staff members of a business in the 800 block of Lincoln Street. Police talked to those involved and presented options.

At 12:33 p.m. a woman was reported refusing to leave a residential building in the 400 block of Lake Street. After police responded she left the area but later was reported trespassing in a lodging in the 400 block of SMC. She was told to leave and not return there.

At 1:36 p.m. a husky was reported running at large on Crabapple Drive. It was taken to the animal shelter, where its owner claimed it.

Young vandals forced open the door of a chapel in the Russian Orthodox Cemetery, wrote graffiti on the walls and left trash. Police opened a case.

At 7:06 p.m. a caller said a very loud ATV was being driven in the 2400 block of HPR. The ATV was

Deer-A-Palooza Event Thursday

The Mount Edgecumbe Chapter of the Blacktail Deer Foundation will host a Deer-A-Palooza 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Sitka Elks Lodge 1662.

A raffle is planned to raise funds for the foundation. It is the first Blacktail Deer Foundation event to be held in Sitka. All are invited; however, events held at the Elks Lodge are for members and invited guests.

The Blacktail Deer Foundation is a new division of the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), created specifically to focus on the conservation of two species of black-tailed deer: the Sitka black-tailed deer and the Columbian black-tailed deer.

Wildlife Cruise Set for May 17

Sitka Rotary Club and Allen Marine will host a three-hour wildlife cruise on the waters surrounding Sitka May 17. Participants should plan to embark at noon, and should arrive on the boat by 11:30 a.m. sharp at Crescent Harbor.

Ticket prices are: under age 5 with adult free; ages 5-18, \$35 each; and 18 and older, \$55. The boat has limited seating. Call (907) 738-2014 for tickets, or purchase them at Old Harbor Books.

The event is sponsored by Allen Marine Tours, supporting Southeast Alaska through tourism.

Family Kayaani Walk Planned

Sitka Tribe of Alaska will host family spring Kayaani walk May 17 to explore plant identification and respectful harvesting practices.

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

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

For information or to register, contact Anna at 907 966-9662, or sign up: <https://forms.gle/wsrVH2bxgJrvz3f9>

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.

gone when officers arrived.

May 13

At 4:51 a.m. TSA called from the airport to say a passenger had two Glockes with bullets in the magazines but not in the chambers. An officer cleared the guns, and the passenger was allowed to board.

Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department received two ambulance calls Monday.

JACK Quartet to Perform Friday

Sitka Music Festival will present the award-winning JACK Quartet 7 p.m. Friday, May 16, at the Odessa Theater at Allen Hall on the SJ Campus.

The concert will feature a premiere by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer, and former Alaskan resident, John Luther Adams. Tickets are on sale at www.sitkamusicfestival.org

New Hours For Bingocize

The City of Sitka Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with Center for Community, SEARHC and SAIL, announces a new time for Bingocize on Fridays.

Beginning May 16, Bingocize will be held 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Friday at the Swan Lake Senior Center, 402 Lake Street.

Led by Tamara Walsh, Bingocize is a free health program that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercises (seated or standing).

"Come play bingo and meet new people while increasing cognition and reducing falls," organizers said.

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

Mini Quilt Exhibit At Backdoor Cafe

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

Annual Quilt Show Dates Announced

Ocean Wave Quilt Guild will host its 42nd annual Quilt Show through May 18 at Fraser Hall on the SJ Campus. This year's theme is "Sassy!"

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

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

Plant Sale Set At Pacific High

A pop-up plant sale at the Pacific High greenhouse will be 3-6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 14 and 15.

Plants are \$5 per 4-inch pot or \$75/flat of seedlings; and \$10 for a 6-inch potted tomato. Cash, checks and cards will be accepted. Proceeds benefit the Garden to Cafeteria Program."

Pacific High Plans Graduation Event

Pacific High School will hold its class of 2025 graduation ceremony 2 p.m. May 17 at the Sheet'ka Kwaan Naa Kahidi.

Graduating seniors are Avianna Rioux, Georgianna Sam, Gus Maxwell, Henry Ward, Katie Elder, Michael Howard, Qiana Fletcher and Tristynn Jackson

Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Meeting May 14 On Sportfish Rules

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, NOAA, and U.S. Coast Guard will host a public meeting regarding the sport fishing season 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Staff will be available to answer questions regarding rules, regulations, and/or charter requirements. Ben Jeavons and Kayla Buster will be in attendance to discuss ADFG eLogbook topics.

Calendar of Events

TUESDAY

6 p.m. Assembly, Centennial Hall
WEDNESDAY
6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
10 a.m. Tongass Tots Playgroup, St. Peter's See House
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Annual Quilt Show, Fraser Hall on SJ Campus
11-2 Salvation Army Little Store open
Noon Youth Advocates of Sitka community human trafficking awareness event, Harrigan Centennial Hall
Noon-2 p.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
Noon White Elephant Shop open
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
Noon STA Tribal Council, via Teleconference
2 p.m. Brave Heart Volunteers offers drop-in Balance and Bliss, ANB Founders Hall
4:30 p.m. Sitka Parkinson's Support Group, 1212 Seward Ave. (the old BOQ) 907 747-3461
6:15 p.m. Sitka Historic Preservation Commission, Harrigan Centennial Hall
7 p.m. Public meeting regarding the sport fishing season, Harrigan Centennial Hall
7 p.m. Sitka Sportsman's Association Indoor Range open
7 p.m. AA, St. Gregory's Church, 606 Etolin Street, info: 907-747-8866

THURSDAY

6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Annual Quilt Show, Fraser Hall on SJ Campus
10:30 a.m. SAIL senior hike, Herring Cove Trail
11-2 Salvation Army Little Store open
Noon human trafficking awareness event, Youth Advocates of Sitka, Harrigan Centennial Hall
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, AA hotline 907-747-8866 for information
Noon Alanon Zoom, sitkaalanon@gmail.com, for login info
Noon White Elephant Shop open
5 p.m. School Policy Panel, Sitka School District boardroom
6 p.m. Adult Game Night, Sitka Public Library
6:30 p.m. Sitka Tribe of Alaska Natural Resources Committee, at STA
6:30 p.m. Women's AA, Unitarian Fellowship Hall, AA Hotline 907 747-8866
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln Street, AA hotline 907-747-8866



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Yanks' Cabrera Carried Off Field

SEATTLE (AP) — Yankees third baseman Oswaldo Cabrera was taken off the field in an ambulance after he injured his left ankle in the ninth inning of New York's 11-5 victory over Seattle on Monday night.

Cabrera was hurt on an awkward slide when he reached back for the plate and scored the Yankees' final run on Aaron Judge's sacrifice fly.

Manager Aaron Boone said Cabrera had a brace put on his left ankle before entering the ambulance on a stretcher. Cabrera was taken to a hospital with team athletic trainer Tim Lentych.

"I think everyone understands it was a pretty serious situation," Boone said. "So, just praying for our guy (Cabrera) tonight and hoping for the best. Trust that he's in good hands as he goes through the night here."

Cabrera, a 26-year-old native of

Venezuela, writhed on the ground and stayed down for several minutes while being attended to by various medical personnel.

"Right before he got carted off, he just called me over and said, 'Hey, did I score?'" Judge said. "So, just kind of shows you what type of guy he is. Something like that happens and the one thing on his mind for all the pain and everything is, 'Did I score?'"

Cabrera is in his fourth MLB season and has become a regular in the Yankees' lineup. He is hitting .243 this season with one home run and 12 RBIs.

"He cares for everybody in this room. He loves being a Yankee," Judge said. "He wears his jersey with pride. This is a tough one, especially a guy that's grinded his whole life and finally got an opportunity to be our everyday guy and been excelling at it."

Angels Win after Grand Slam

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Taylor Ward hit a grand slam to cap a six-run ninth inning, and the Los Angeles Angels beat the San Diego Padres 9-5 on Monday night.

The Angels rallied against Robert Suarez, who had converted 18 consecutive save opportunities — including 15 this season. Alek Jacob replaced Suarez and struck out Jorge Soler before Ward delivered.

Suarez (0-1) yielded a one-out single before walking four straight batters, forcing in two runs. The right-hander allowed just one run in his first 18 appearances this year.

Zach Neto hit a two-run homer for Los Angeles in the third. But San Diego scored three runs in the bottom half.

Jackson Merrill hit an RBI single, and left-hander Yusei Kikuchi committed a throwing error on Xander Bogaerts' come-

backer, bringing home two more runs. Gavin Sheets then singled to left but Matthew Lugo threw Bogaerts out at home.

San Diego star Fernando Tatis Jr. led off the fifth with his 10th homer, and a Bogaerts sacrifice fly made it 5-3 in the eighth.

Kikuchi allowed four runs — two earned — and seven hits in six innings. Brock Burke (4-0) pitched the eighth, and Kenley Jansen fanned two in a scoreless ninth.

King struck out eight in 5 2/3 innings. He was charged with three runs — two earned — and four hits.

It was San Diego's first home game this month after a 6-3 road trip.

Ward drove a 2-2 pitch deep to left for his fifth career grand slam.

RHP José Soriano (2-4, 4.00 ERA) starts today for the Angels against RHP Dylan Cease (1-2, 4.91 ERA).

Sinner Glad Leo XIV a Tennis Fan

ROME (AP) — Jannik Sinner says it's "a good thing for us tennis players" that the new pope likes to play the sport. Even if Leo XIV jokingly said he wouldn't want to arrange a game with the top-ranked player — ostensibly because of his name.

During a meeting between the new American pope and international media on Monday, journalists offered to play doubles, or to organize a charity match. Leo seemed game "but we can't invite Sinner," he said in an apparent reference to the English meaning of Sinner's last name.

Sinner was asked in his post-match news conference about the pope's com-

ment following his 6-4, 6-2 victory over Dutch qualifier Jesper De Jong at the Italian Open, which is being played just up the Tiber River from the Vatican.

Sinner took his time to respond and blushed as he said, "Why do you have to make things difficult for me?"

Then Sinner added: "Obviously I heard that he played as a kid. I think it's a good thing for us tennis players to have a pope who likes this sport that we're playing."

And what about a possible rallying session with Leo?

"For the future we'll see," Sinner said. "Who knows."

Wolves Take 3-1 Playoff Lead

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Anthony Edwards let it fly from 30 feet just before the halftime buzzer and his 3-pointer provided some much-needed momentum that Minnesota took right into a commanding third quarter.

Edwards also spoke up to his team at halftime and Chris Finch credited that pep talk for setting the tone ahead of an impressive second half.

"At halftime, Coach came in and said we're playing like we already won the series pretty much, I don't really like that," Edwards said, adding, "I told them we've only got two wins."

Edwards scored 30 points, Julius Randle had 31 and the Timberwolves beat the Golden State Warriors 117-110 on Monday night for a 3-1 lead in their Western Conference playoff series.

Staying close at halftime was key.

"It was huge because it felt like one

of those games where we were going to struggle to find a rhythm," Finch said. "I thought we might be down eight, 10 at halftime with the way that we had played. Fortunately, I thought his shot made it pretty much an even game and if we came out with the type of purpose that we needed to I felt we were going to be OK."

Now, it's back home to Minneapolis for the Wolves with a chance to clinch the best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal series in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

The Warriors will still be without Stephen Curry, who sat out his third game in a row and is scheduled to have his strained left hamstring re-evaluated that day.

"We're not going to Superman this thing," Draymond Green said. "If he's in a place where he can play, I'm sure he will."

Calhoun Pitches Perfect Game for Wolves

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Calhoun thinks his team has a good chance at taking the title at the Southeast regional meet at the end of this month, before closing out the season with the state tournament in early June.

"I'm excited for regions, I've got high hopes," Carley said. "I just want to see us hit the ball better, and I want to see the pitching stay the exact same" as it's been all season. On offense in the games this past weekend, Sitka racked up 17 hits in game two and 13 in game three.

Kayhi's pitcher kept Sitka batters off bases and prevented the Wolves from running away with game one, which Sitka won 3-2 on Bryce Compagno-Calhoun's Friday no-hitter. And in Game 3 Sitka senior Levi Hodges gave up only one hit in Sitka's 16-0 win against Kayhi.

"Our bats were working really good, and we were playing really well together," Hodges recalled. "I thought that I could have walked less people — it wasn't the best game I've ever thrown — but I did my best, and we ended up getting another sweep, which was cool."

He wants to see the team keep performing into the late season.

"I just want to see us keeping up the same intensity that we have as a team and just playing, everyone trying their hardest, playing our best, so we can just keep winning more games," Hodges said.

Mason McLeod, a junior infielder and pitcher, thinks the team is in a good spot at this point in the season.



Sitka High's Caleb Calhoun pitches against the Kayhi Kings, Saturday in Ketchikan in the Wolves' 24-0 rout of their Southeast rivals. Calhoun pitched a perfect game, striking out all 15 batters he faced. Sitka swept the series 3-0. (Photo by Christopher Mullin/Ketchikan Daily News)

Knicks Take Down Celtics, But Tatum is Injured



Knicks' Jalen Brunson (11) shoots over Boston Celtics' Jaylen Brown (7) during the first half, Monday in New York. (AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Jalen Brunson and the New York Knicks had just taken control of the game with another fourth-quarter kick when Jayson Tatum fell to the court with a potentially severe right

leg injury.

The specifics of Tatum's injury are uncertain but the situation in the Eastern Conference semifinals is clear.

The Knicks need one more victory to reach the conference finals for the first time in 25 years. The Celtics need to

match the biggest comeback in NBA history to extend their title reign.

Brunson had 39 points and 12 assists, and the Knicks pushed the defending champions to the brink of elimination with a 121-113 victory Monday night in Game 4.

Blown out in Game 3, the Knicks dominated the second half to become the first home team to win in this series.

"I think it was a sense of urgency, desperation, just knowing that we have a great opportunity," Brunson said.

The Celtics will have to make the NBA's 14th comeback from a 3-1 deficit and may have to do it without Tatum, who was carried off the court with a right leg injury with 2:58 left.

Mikal Bridges and Karl-Anthony Towns each added 23 points and OG Anunoby bounced back from two poor performances by scoring 20 for the Knicks, who can win the series Wednesday night at Boston. If not, they would come back to Madison Square Garden to try to do it Friday night.

"We have to turn that page quickly and do our first job, which is win on Wednesday. That's the mindset," Celtics veteran Al Horford said. "As a group, we just have to rally together because obviously we've lost our leader, the guy that gets us going."

Tatum scored 42 points, his high in these playoffs, before he was hurt when the Celtics turned the ball over and his leg gave out as he tried to lunge forward toward the loose ball.

Nobody has come from 3-1 down since Denver did it twice in 2020 at the Walt Disney World resort. It hasn't happened when a team had to win a true road game since Cleveland rallied past Golden State in the 2016 NBA Finals.

After leading by at least 20 points in the first three games — but blowing the first two of them in Boston — the Celtics had another double-digit lead less than five minutes into this game and were up 62-51 at halftime.

Brunson then scored 18 in a desperate third quarter, when the Knicks played their starters the entire way and outscored the Celtics 37-23 to set up a thrilling final period.

"Just keep fighting," Bridges said. "We were down way worse before."

Tatum's three-point play tied it for the final time at 102-all before Anunoby hit a 3-pointer and the Knicks later put it away for good with an 11-0 burst that made it 116-104.

Derrick White made six 3-pointers and scored 23 points for the Celtics. Jaylen Brown had 20.

Injuries Become the Story of NBA Playoffs

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer
These are the NBA playoffs of survival, where not even the stars are safe.

The latest huge blow to this post-season: Jayson Tatum was wheeled off Monday night, with every preliminary indication there being that he won't be around to finish this season with the defending champion Boston Celtics.

Golden State's Stephen Curry may run out of time before his injured hamstring allows him to play again. Cleveland's Donovan Mitchell is dealing with an ankle issue. If the Los Angeles Lakers' season had gone any deeper, LeBron James would have been sidelined with a knee sprain. And Milwaukee's Damian Lillard tore his Achilles, putting next season in some doubt and raising questions about Giannis Antetokounmpo's future as well.

The star power is gone in some cases, aching in others, and there's no question that injuries are becoming the story of this postseason. For Lillard — and now possibly Tatum, depending on what the MRI and other exams show — injuries could be part of the story next season as well.

"Obviously we want to go out there and compete, but when a player of his caliber goes down and he's rolling in pain like that, you know something's wrong," New York guard Jalen Brunson said after seeing Tatum's injury on Monday night. "So, that's why I just gave my thoughts and prayers — because you never want to see something like that, ever."

Injuries are a constant, and the regular season saw some big-name players forced to shut down much earlier than they wanted. Philadelphia's Joel Embiid wasn't right for basically the entire season because of knee issues, Dallas' Kyrie Irving tore his ACL in March, San Antonio's Victor Wembanyama developed a blood clot that forced his season to end in February, New Orleans' Dejeunte Murray tore his Achilles in January, Orlando's Moritz Wagner tore his ACL in December and two stars with long injury histories — the Los Angeles Clippers' Kawhi Leonard and New Orleans' Zion Williamson — both were inactive for more than half the season.

Overcoming injuries is just part of NBA life, Bucks coach Doc Rivers said.

"The human spirit is amazing," Rivers said. "It really is."

And in the playoffs, the hits keep coming. Stars are hurting, most of Cleveland's starting lineup has been banged-up in these playoffs, Denver's Michael Porter Jr. is playing through a shoulder issue that typically needs weeks to deal with, and Memphis' Ja Morant had a hip problem that kept him from being on the floor at the end of the Grizzlies' season. Even teams that are winning aren't doing so at anywhere near 100% — case in point, Brunson has been dealing with an ankle issue and it somehow isn't slowing him down.

"Every year, playoffs are about adapting, whether it's a game plan, or an injury, or a lineup," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said shortly after Curry got hurt in the Warriors' second-

round series against Minnesota. "So, we just have to adapt."

Down 3-1 in the series and facing a win-or-else game Wednesday, the Warriors are running out of time to adapt. There will be an update on Curry's status Wednesday, Kerr said. It wouldn't seem likely that Curry plays in Game 5.

"We're not going to Superman this thing," Warriors forward Draymond Green said. "If he's in a place where he can play, I'm sure he will. ... But we don't need Superman. I play the long game. If he can, we know he will, but there's no pressure. We've got to figure out how to win, whether he plays or not."

James got hurt in a collision with Minnesota's Donte DiVincenzo late in what became the Lakers' final game of the season, a loss in Game 5 of an opening-round matchup. James later revealed that he probably couldn't have continued even if the Lakers won that game because of a knee sprain that won't need surgery but will need

weeks to heal.

"Even if we would have won Game 5 at home, I probably would have missed 6 and 7 and even further," James said on his "Mind the Game" podcast with Steve Nash. "I have some time, though. I have some time to get it right."

Tatum was having an absolutely monster game for Boston on Monday: 42 points, eight rebounds, four assists, four steals and two blocked shots — numbers that nobody in Celtics history, at least since each of those stats started being charted, had ever finished a game with.

Those stats didn't seem like much, given the gravity of the injury and what it may mean for the Celtics — a team that is on track to face a potential record salary and luxury tax bill that could exceed \$500 million next season.

"He's been a great player," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said. "And he's a great guy, too."

Medveje 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 Medveje Hatchery and back. The half marathon turn-around is at the Green Lake Power House, 10K near the Medveje 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/MedvejeSolsticeRun> (open until 8 p.m. on 6/20/25). Fees: \$30 - 5K, \$35 - 10K and \$45 - 1/2 marathon. Virtual events are also available for \$30.

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

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

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 christinemariahhoran@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 christinemariahhoran@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

Julie Hughes Triathlon
May 17

The annual Julie Hughes triathlon is set for Saturday, May 17 here and registration is open now online at juliehughesstri.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 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.

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 33 years, but the last 10 years have been extremely difficult. His attitude and selfishness during that time led me to strongly resent him.

He's now telling me he has changed and things will be different, that I am important to him and he will consider my thoughts, feelings, wants and needs going forward. The problem I'm having is, he didn't decide this until I finally had enough and moved out.

How do I decide what is best for me? I love him, and at his core he is a good person, but sometimes I feel like there's too much water under the bridge. -- JUST NOT SURE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR JUST NOT SURE: For a leopard to change his spots takes effort. It doesn't happen overnight. Do not go back to your husband before the two of you have had counseling with a licensed marriage and family therapist for one year. If, after that, he has proven that he's capable of change, you can decide then whether there has been too much water under the bridge or you feel safe living with him again.

DEAR ABBY: I had an accident and have been in a walking boot for a few weeks with several more to go. This has happened before, unfortunately. I am regularly annoyed by strangers who feel compelled to comment about the boot -- "Oh, did you kick someone?" or "Hey, what happened?" I don't think I owe a stranger an explanation of

the state of my body. It's none of their business.

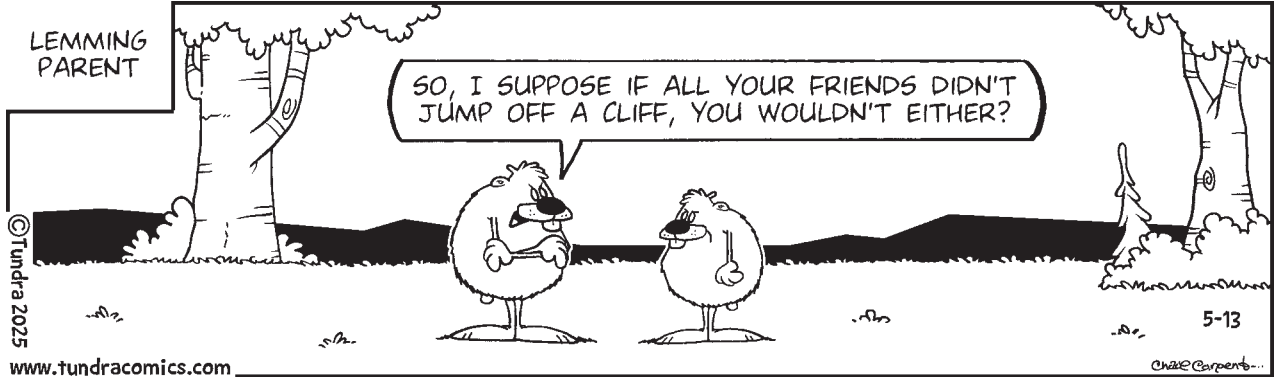
First, please remind your readers that this behavior is intrusive and rude. Second, what is an appropriate response to these insensitive people? I have gone from light jokes -- "You should have seen the sidewalk when I got through with it!" -- to ignoring them. Nothing seems to shut it down. -- HOBBLER IN GEORGIA

DEAR HOBBLER: If you think you're alone in being subjected to this annoyance, think again. People are curious, and some have little or no filter. None of them are actively trying to be offensive. Because nothing seems to shut it down, hang on to your sense of humor. Your light joke is upbeat and clever. My advice is to stick to it.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are staying with my in-laws while our house undergoes renovations. It's day three now, and I heard my father-in-law sneak another woman into the basement last night while everyone was asleep. Do I say something and risk getting kicked out or starting a family war? (He's the sole earner, and it's his house.) Or do I bite my tongue and keep this information to myself? -- SAW TOO MUCH

DEAR SAW TOO MUCH: Although you may have heard it, you didn't actually see anything. Chalk it up to having had a nightmare and remain silent, at least until you are out from under your in-laws' roof.

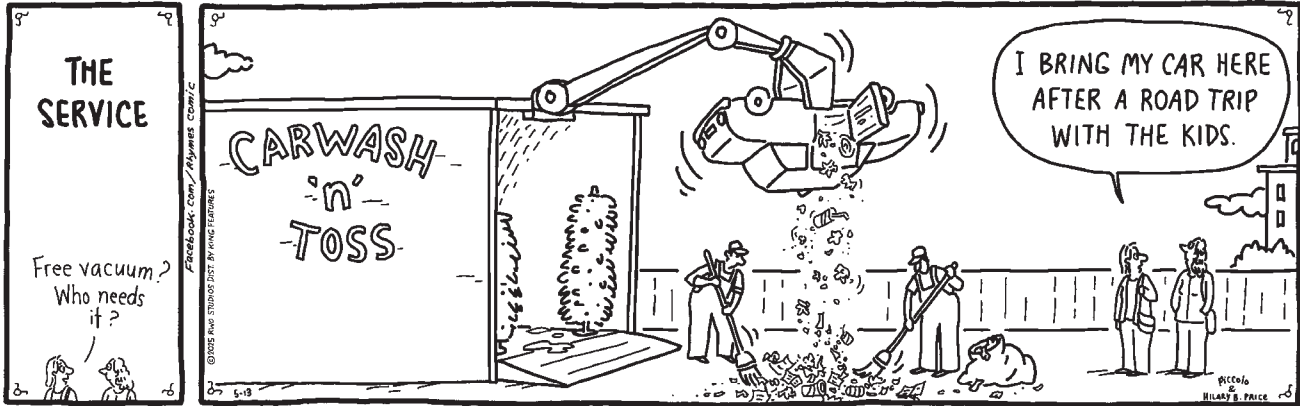
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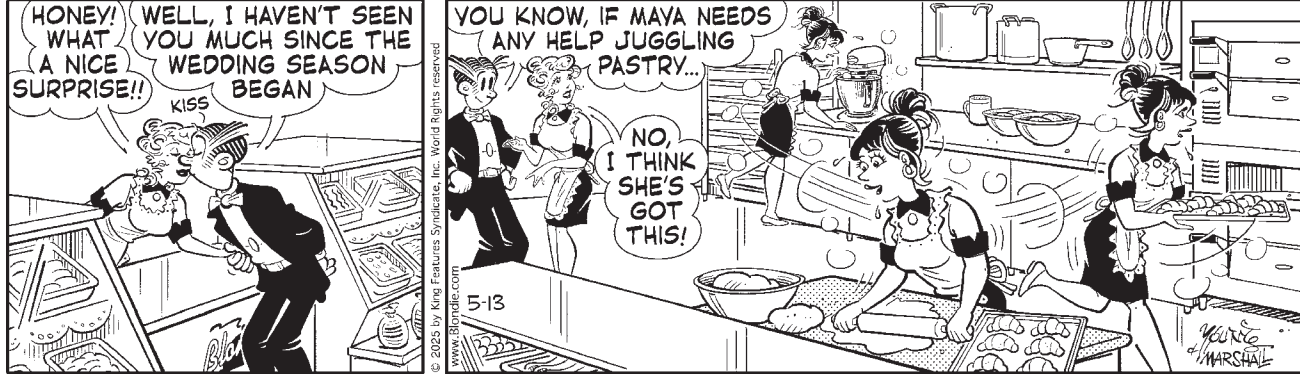
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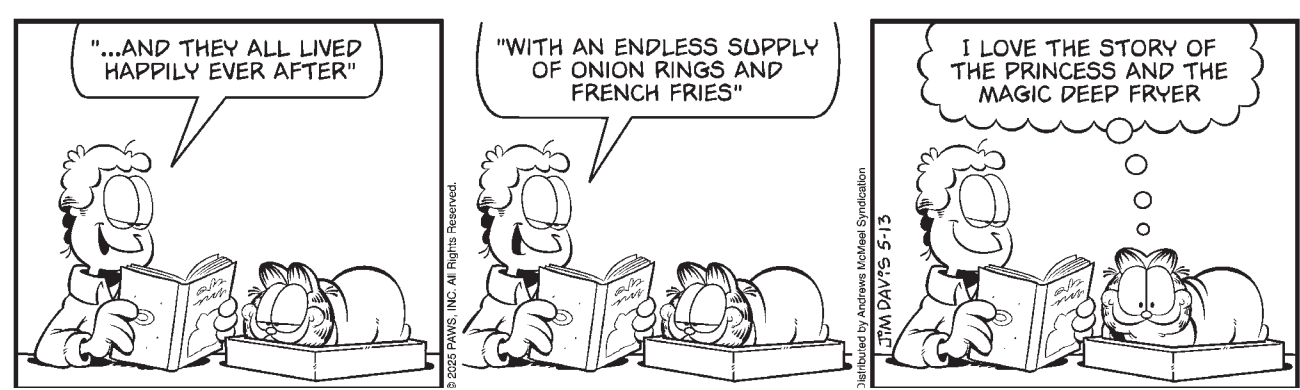
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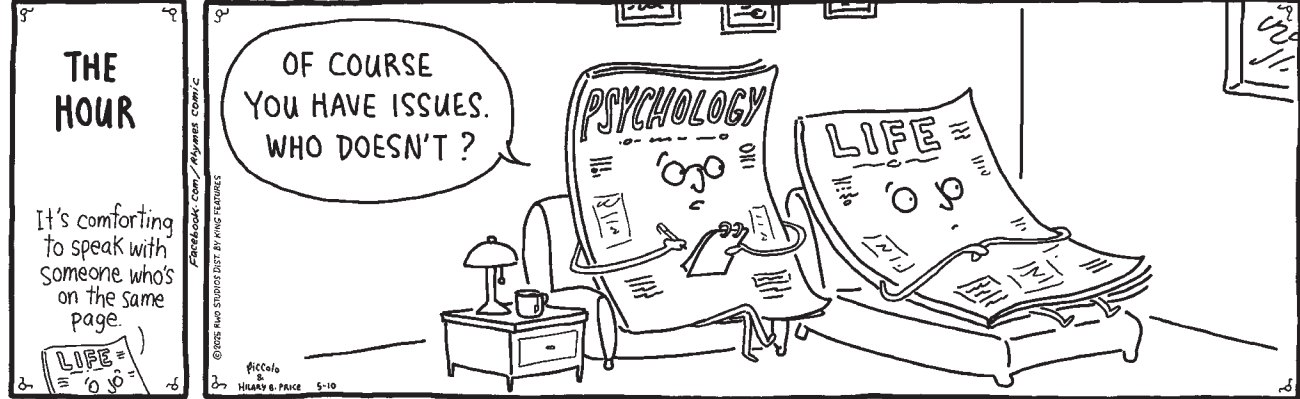
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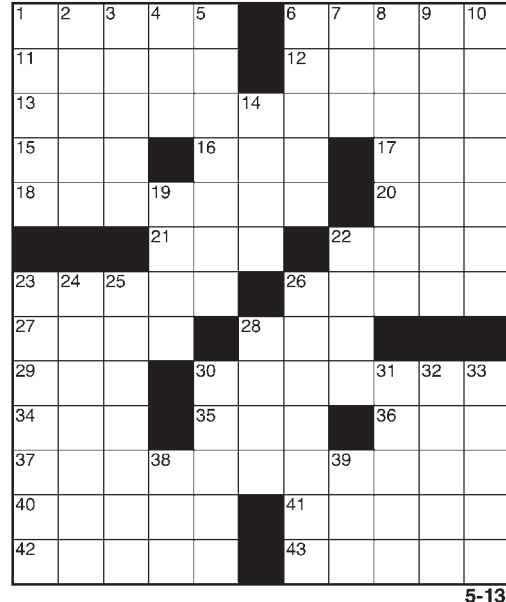
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

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31 Have a spat
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33 Old anesthetic
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39 Word of denial



Sitka by the Stars

For Tuesday, May 6, 2025

There's an emphasis on community today. It's a great day for networking and meeting new people as we're encouraged to forge connections and build relationships. The timing is also advantageous for teaming up with fellow innovators and change-makers or linking up with those who inspire us to take risks and try new things. The late afternoon will be ideal for hosting meetings, public events, and other people-focused activities. Meanwhile, love and romance will also benefit from the current cosmic vibes.

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)
Seek opportunities to partner with people for a good cause. Together you can make a difference.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)
Set aside some quiet time for yourself. It may help to increase your productivity or your creative energy.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)
Connect with people who lift your spirits and inspire you to think big. The positive energy will be good for you.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)
It's an ideal day for participating in business-related meetings or discussions. People will be open to your ideas, expertise or guidance.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)
The best relationships to have are the ones that allow you room to grow.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Take steps to decrease the amount of work you're doing. Perhaps there are commitments you can afford to delegate or step away from.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Be brave enough to ask for help, and it will come.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Give more energy to the things you have control over. Allow the rest to work itself out.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You may have a creative idea that's worth exploring further. However, it doesn't mean you should try to monetize it. Some things are just for fun.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Expect a positive outcome with a financial matter.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You are very persuasive today. It's a good time to pitch a proposal, negotiate, or market yourself.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to March 20)
You have the power to manifest exactly what you want.

FOR TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

You're a studious person. Your mind is always hungry to learn. When you aren't busy thinking up your next plan or idea, you can often be found discovering solutions to tough problems or doling out practical wisdom to those seeking comfort.

King Classic Sudoku

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Difficulty: ★★

5/13

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.

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.

5-13 CRYPTOQUOTE
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AFDQFYUSRV. — XRBV ZJZLN
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE. IT IS A WAY TO ACHIEVE IMMORTALITY. — THE DALAI LAMA



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: "HIGH" WORDS

Each answer is either a hyphenated word or two words that start with "high." (e.g., It usually includes grades 9 through 12. Answer: High school.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. A building consisting of many stories.
Answer: _____

2. A type of gasoline that also means "very powerful, strong or effective."
Answer: _____

3. A common track-and-field event.
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Using authority in an unreasonable way, without considering other people.
Answer: _____

5. A hand gesture of greeting, elation or congratulation.
Answer: _____

6. Characterized by elevated ideals or conduct.
Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Tending to be very anxious and easily agitated.
Answer: _____

8. Noisy and mischievous merrymaking.
Answer: _____

9. The head or chief proponent of a movement or doctrine.
Answer: _____

SCORING:

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

ANSWERS: 1. High rise, 2. High-octane, 3. High jump, 4. High-handed, 5. High-five, 6. High-minded, 7. High-trung, 8. High links, 9. High priest.

Zelenskyy: Will Go To Turkey To Talk To Putin

By SAMYA KULLAB and ILLIA NOVIKOV
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said today that he will be waiting for his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin, in the Turkish capital this week to conduct face-to-face talks about the more than 3-year war, amid heavy pressure from the U.S. and European leaders to reach a settlement.

Putin hasn't yet said whether he will be at the talks, which U.S. President Donald Trump has urged the two sides to attend as part of Washington's efforts to stop the fighting.

Zelenskyy told reporters in Kyiv that he will be in Ankara on Thursday to conduct the negotiations. He will meet with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the two will wait for Putin to arrive, he said.

Zelenskyy said he would "do everything to agree on a ceasefire, because it is with (Putin) that I must negotiate a ceasefire, as only he can decide on it."

Zelenskyy said that if Putin chooses Istanbul to hold the meeting, then both leaders will travel there from Ankara.

"If Putin does not arrive and plays games, it is the final point that he does not want to end the war," Zelenskyy said.

The Ukrainian leader added that if Putin doesn't show up, European and U.S. leaders should follow through with threats of additional and heavy sanctions against Russia.

Trump, who is on a four-day Middle East trip, said today that Secretary of State Marco Rubio would attend the talks. Special envoy Steve Witkoff also is set to take part, according to a U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to preview plans that have not been made public.

Washington has been applying strong pressure on both sides to come to the table since Trump took office in January with a promise to end the war.

Military analysts say that both sides are preparing a spring-summer cam-

paign on the battlefield, where a war of attrition has killed tens of thousands of soldiers on both sides along the roughly 1,000-kilometer (620-mile) front line. The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, said Monday that Russia is "quickly replenishing front-line units with new recruits to maintain the battlefield initiative."

German leader says ball is in Putin's court

International pressure has been growing to push Ukraine and Russia into finding a settlement.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz pressed again for an unconditional 30-day ceasefire as he met his Greek counterpart in Berlin today.

"We are waiting for Putin's agreement," he said.

"We agree that, in case there is no real progress this week, we then want to push at European level for a significant tightening of sanctions," Merz added. He said that "we will focus on further areas, such as the energy sector and the financial market."

Merz welcomed Zelenskyy's readiness to travel personally to Turkey, "but now it is really up to Putin to accept this offer of negotiations and agree to a ceasefire. The ball is exclusively in Russia."

Russia isn't saying whether Putin will attend talks

Overnight, Russia launched 10 Shahed and decoy drones at Ukraine, the Ukrainian air force said. It was Russia's smallest drone bombardment this year.

The Kremlin hasn't directly responded to Zelenskyy's challenge for Putin to meet him in person at the negotiating table.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined for the second straight day today to tell reporters whether Putin will travel to Istanbul and who else will represent Russia at the potential talks.

"As soon as the president considers it necessary, we will make an announcement," Peskov said.

other criminal organizations likely as part of a cooperation agreement.

"It is evident that his family is going to the U.S. because of a negotiation or an offer that the Department of Justice is giving him," Garcia Harfuch said.

He said that none of the family members were being pursued by Mexican authorities and that the government of U.S. President Donald Trump "has to share information" with Mexican prosecutors, something it has not yet done.

The confirmation by García Harfuch comes the same day that the U.S. Attorney General's Office announced it was charging a number of top cartel leaders with "narcoterrorism" for the first time since the Trump administration declared a number of cartels as foreign terrorist organizations.

While prosecutors declined to comment on the video of the family, U.S. Attorney Adam Gordon for the Southern District of California and other officials sent a warning to cartel members, repeatedly citing the Sinaloa Cartel by name.

"Let me be direct, to the leaders of the Sinaloa Cartel, you are no longer the hunters, you are the hunted. You will be betrayed by your friends, you will be hunted by your enemies, and you will ultimately find yourself and your face here in a courtroom in the Southern District of California," Gordon said.



Palestinians inspect the site of an Israeli army airstrike on the European hospital in Khan Younis, Gaza Strip today. The Israeli military said it had carried out a strike targeting what it said was a Hamas "command and control center" located beneath the hospital. (AP Photo/Mariam Dagga)

UN Chief Blasts Israel For Blocking Gaza Aid

By FARNOUSH AMIRI and EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United Nations' top humanitarian official blasted Israel on today for "deliberately and unashamedly" imposing inhumane conditions on Palestinians, including the risk of famine — one of the strongest condemnations by a high-ranking U.N. official during the war in Gaza.

Tom Fletcher, head of the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, briefed members of the Security Council, describing this work as a "grim undertaking" since Israel began blocking all humanitarian aid from entering Gaza more than 10 weeks ago. He went as far as saying that the council must "act now" to "prevent genocide." Israel vehemently denied that is taking place.

"I ask you to reflect — for a moment — on what action we will tell future generations we each took to stop the 21st century atrocity to which we bear daily witness in Gaza," said Fletcher, a longtime British diplomat who took up the U.N. post in November. "It is a question we will hear, sometimes incredulous, sometimes furious — but always there — for the rest of our lives."

In response to Fletcher's remarks, the Israeli mission to the U.N. said that "Israel will not accept a humanitarian mechanism that props up the Hamas terror organization that butchered our people

in their homes and communities." Before the blockade, the U.N. and other international aid agencies handled moving aid into the enclave.

The U.N. World Food Program's director for Gaza, Antoine Renard, told The Associated Press that a quarter of Gaza's population is at risk of famine. That's despite all the food needed to feed the territory's population sitting in warehouses in Israel, Egypt, and Jordan — and most of it is not even 25 miles away, he said.

Renard said WFP warehouses in Gaza are empty, and the agency has gone from providing meals for 1 million people at the end of April to producing only 250,000 meals daily. The meals they can serve are "meaningless, compared to people's requirements," he said.

"Soon, we're going to speak about the fact that people don't even have access to a meal," Renard warned. "Is that where we need to go to actually raise the alarm? It's now that we need to act."

The warnings come after food security experts said Monday that Gaza will likely fall into famine if Israel doesn't lift its blockade and stop its military campaign. Nearly half a million Palestinians are facing possible starvation, living in "catastrophic" levels of hunger, and 1 million others can barely get enough food, according to findings by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, a leading international authority on the severity of hunger crises.

that in reverse order, go catch halibut (in the EEZ), and then come back and fish under resident regulations in state waters," Tydingco said.

Residents must also follow nonresident king salmon regulations in the EEZ. This year the state's nonresident king salmon limit is one per year, so residents can only keep one king salmon from the EEZ this year.

In state waters, residents can catch one king salmon per day, with no annual limit.

Residents must also record their harvest from the EEZ of any species with an annual harvest limit for nonresidents, including sablefish, lingcod, rockfish, and king salmon.

People can mark their harvests from the EEZ on their sport fishing license or harvest card, Tydingco said.

Steve Ramp, a resident sport fisherman, explained today that the main change for residents fishing in the EEZ will be "season closures for yelloweye and lingcod, which are open year round for residents" in state waters.

"The same goes for the mid-summer closure for lingcod for nonresidents," Ramp said. "Residents fishing out there, we would not be able to fish lingcod, when normally, we could keep one a day every day."

And when lingcod fishing is open for nonresidents, residents fishing in the EEZ would have to abide by the nonresident lingcod size limit, Ramp said.

Ramp said that he's "talked to a lot of people" about the change, and residents have said that "either 'it doesn't affect me because I don't fish out there' or 'I don't know what it means,' and I try to explain it to them."

He said that the rule will be an "enforcement quagmire" and "hard for charter captains to decipher," especially if they are guiding both resident and nonresident anglers at the same time.

Tydingco said that department leaders are working to sort through all of these different regulatory scenarios before they become problematic to resident anglers.

ADF&G staff, as well as personnel from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Coast Guard will be available during Wednesday's meeting to discuss the ways that the new rule affects resident sport fishermen, Tydingco said.

All members of the public are welcome to attend the 7 p.m. meeting at Centennial Hall on Wednesday, and to bring their questions about the EEZ change and other fishing regulations for 2025.

During the meeting, Tydingco will give a short presentation explaining the regulatory changes for residents in the EEZ.

The meeting also is a "one-stop-shop" for mariners with questions for NOAA or USCG.

"If you have halibut questions, or Coast Guard questions, they're happy to help get the public the answers they need," Tydingco said today.

Judge OKs Alien Act In Deporting Venezuelans

By REBECCA BOONE
Associated Press

A federal judge says President Donald Trump can use the Alien Enemies Act to deport Venezuelan citizens who are shown to be members of the Tren de Aragua gang.

The ruling today from U.S. District Judge Stephanie Haines in Pennsylvania appears to be the first time a federal judge has signed off on Trump's proclamation calling Tren de Aragua a foreign terrorist organization and invoking the 18th century wartime law to deport people labeled as being members of the gang.

At least three other federal judges have said Trump was improperly using the Alien Enemies Act to speed deportations of people the administration says are Venezuelan gang members.

Haines, a Trump appointee, also said the administration hasn't been giving enough notice to people facing removal under the AEA. She ordered the administration to provide at least 21 days notice — far longer than the 12 hours that some deportees have been given.

"This case poses significant issues that are deeply interwoven with the constitutional principles upon which this Nation's government is founded," Haines wrote. "In approaching these issues, the Court begins by stressing the questions that it is not resolving at this time."

The ruling doesn't address whether the administration can remove people under other immigration laws, nor does it address whether Trump can invoke the Alien Enemies Act to deport people who simply migrated to the U.S. and who aren't members of a foreign terrorist organization, Haines wrote. She also did not weigh in on whether people suspected of being members of other gangs could be removed under the act.

But she did say the Act can be used

to remove Venezuelan citizens who are at least 14 years old, who are in the U.S. without legal immigration status, and who are members of Tren de Aragua.

"Having done its job, the Court now leaves it to the Political Branches of the government, and ultimately to the people who elect those individuals, to decide whether the laws and those executing them continue to reflect their will," Haines wrote.

Trump issued a proclamation in March claiming that Tren de Aragua was invading the U.S. He said he had special powers to deport immigrants, identified by his administration as gang members, without the usual court proceedings. After the proclamation, the administration began deporting people designated as Tren de Aragua members to a notorious prison in El Salvador.

The proclamation and deportations sparked a flurry of lawsuits in multiple states — including the one that led to Haines' ruling today. That case was brought a Venezuelan national who says he fled to the U.S. with his wife and children in 2023 after facing extortion in his own country. He was arrested in February after a neighbor reported that he is a member of Tren de Aragua — a claim the man vehemently denies.

The man is identified only by his initials in the lawsuit. His attorney did not immediately respond to a request for comment today.

Haines initially approved the case as a class action, temporarily blocking the Trump administration from using the AEA to deport any migrants in her district. But she lifted that designation today, clearing the way for deportations to resume as long as the people being removed are given at least 21 days notice in English and Spanish as well as an "opportunity to be heard" on any objections they might have.

Musk's Co. Asked About Driverless Taxi's Safety

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NEW YORK (AP) — Federal safety regulators have asked Elon Musk's car company to explain how its driverless taxis will avoid causing accidents when they hit the road in Texas next month before a national "robotaxi" launch that is key to keeping its stock price aloft.

Tesla has been told to provide information on how its taxis will operate safely in Austin, Texas, when there is fog, sun glare, rain and other low-visibility conditions that have been tied to accidents involving the company's driver-assistance software. Those accidents, including one that killed a pedestrian, triggered the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to launch an investigation in October of 2.4 million of Musk's vehicles.

The billionaire reassured investors on an earnings call last month that the robotaxi service would launch in Austin as planned and would quickly lead to millions of robotaxis and other autonomous self-driving Teslas operating around the country by the end of the year.

"We expect a green light after Tesla's response but the big focus is on more widespread launches in the U.S. after the Austin pilot kicks off," said Wedbush Securities stock analyst Dan Ives. "It's a pivotal time for Musk."

On that same call, Musk said he was stepping back from his work as President Donald Trump's government cost-cutting czar. Tesla's shares have risen 45% since but they're still down about 17% year to date.

Regulators routinely request safety information from automakers and NHTSA's order itself is not alarming, though it could lead to delays of the Austin launch if Tesla's answers to the nine-page letter made public by the agency on Monday are not satisfactory. The agency gave Tesla until June 19 to provide a response.

Federal regulators have limited powers over new Tesla taxis that operate without a steering wheel or brake pedals because there are no national regulations on self-driving technology.

gy. One fall back is that the vehicles themselves still must pass longstanding safety checks.

"NHTSA can force a recall, either 'voluntarily,' by Tesla, or by ordering a recall," said Ann Carlson, the former acting NHTSA chief. "The agency cannot, however, require some sort of pre-approval before Tesla can launch."

In the letter, regulators posed several questions to Tesla in addition to those about low-visibility conditions. They asked for the number and models of the taxis, when and where the taxis will be deployed in the next several months, how they will be monitored remotely by Tesla in real time, the cameras and other sensors being used to guide the vehicles, the specific measures used to judge whether they are navigating the streets in a safe way, and the names of people at Tesla making those evaluations.

In his investor conference call last month, Musk spoke of an effortless driving future coming within months.

"Can you go to sleep in our cars and wake up at your destination?" the billionaire asked, then answered, "I'm confident that will be available in many cities in the U.S. by the end of this year."

If such a future doesn't come soon, the company could struggle to justify the stock's still-high price.

Tesla reported a 71% drop in profits in the first quarter as it faced angry protests over Musk's embrace of extreme right-wing politicians in Europe and his role in cutting government jobs that has divided the country.

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ceived one of the biggest fines ever assessed by the AOGCC. The commission ordered the company to pay \$913,796.80 for numerous violations that led to a 2022 well blowout and release of natural gas in the Alpine oil field.

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