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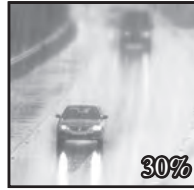
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FORECAST FOR JUNE 6

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Sitka Public Works and Electric Department workers install two mobile restrooms in the middle of Maksoutoff Street today. The section of road that links Harbor Drive to downtown will be closed today through

On the Move

the end of September. One of the restroom units is ADA-accessible. Vehicle access from the Wells Fargo parking lot to Maksoutoff Street will remain open. (Sentinel Photo by James Poulson)

Sitka Advances at State With No-Hitter In Opener

By KLAS STOLPE
For the Sentinel

Sitka High junior Caleb Calhoun continued his season pitching dominance and senior Tyson Bartolaba hit a key single as the Wolves defeated South Anchorage 3-1 today in their opening game at the 2025 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska DI Baseball State Championships on Anchorage's Mulchay Stadium field and advanced to Friday's semifinals.

"Oh my gosh that was one of the most stressful things I have been in my entire life," Sitka coach Ken Carley said. "We had debated all morning and last night to see who we were going to start. I talked to the two pitchers this morning, one had planned on starting and the other had not so we went with the one that was already planning on it, which was Caleb, and he went out there and did his job, plus some. A no-hitter and 15 K's doesn't happen in a state tournament that often. You lose that first game and you are done for a championship bid. Today was a must win and I'm glad we went with Caleb."

Calhoun struck out 15 batters in the game but also had a solid infield and outfield behind him, which was evident in the first and fourth innings.

"To start the game my dad wanted me to get hyped," Calhoun said. "I always get into this mode where I just need to blow it by them the first few innings. I was confident. I had a lot of hope in my team, and that honestly was it. I am so glad my infield and outfield had my back. It is really important to have my fielders out there."

Calhoun struck out the first South batter faced, fielded the next hitter's ground ball for an out, and junior sec-



Sitka High's Caleb Calhoun pitching against Ketchikan, May 18th, on Moller Field. (Sentinel photo by James Poulson)

ond baseman Brett Ross ended the inning fielding a ground ball and throwing to senior first baseman Josh Gluth to retire the Wolverines.

Calhoun would strike out the side in the second inning, put down two more in the third and receive help with a fielding play by junior third baseman Josh Mcalpin providing an out, and struck out the side in the fifth while

also walking two batters.

South had picked up a run in the top of the fourth inning as senior Chase Dixon earned a one-out walk and advanced on a passed ball and an error and scored on a sacrifice fly by junior Logan Geuss to Wolves left fielder Bartolaba.

Wolves senior catcher Tanner Steinson had the first put-out of the inning, fielding a South bunt, and junior right fielder Evan Grant caught a line drive to end the inning. Sitka began their rally in the bottom of the fifth inning with Calhoun getting a single to left field and then allowing sophomore courtesy runner Josh Partido to take his spot at first. After a deep fly ball out by senior Bryce Compagno-Calhoun to center field, junior Mason Mcleod earned a walk, Gluth was hit by a pitch to load the bases and McAlpin just missed contact and was the second out.

With the bases loaded and two gone, the stage was set and Bartolaba took the lead role with a single into right field that scored Partido and Mcleod for a 2-1 lead.

"That was huge," coach Carley said. "He had done that countless times this year. He comes up in those big situations and puts runs across for us."

Junior Brett Ross followed with a single to short that allowed Gluth to speed home for the 3-1 advantage.

Calhoun put down the South side

in the sixth to protect the Wolves' lead and retired the Wolverines batters again in the seventh to end the game. Calhoun earned the 15 strikeouts throwing 115 pitches, 70 for strikes and faced 25 batters. He walked four and allowed just one run.

"My slider was key today," Calhoun said. "That was it for me. I only threw two curve balls. I will be playing first base tomorrow because my arm will probably be sore."

Bartolaba led the Wolves with two RBI and Ross added one. Ross and C. Calhoun led with two hits apiece, B. Calhoun, Mcleod and Bartolaba one hit each. Partido, Mcleod and Gluth scored 1 run apiece.

Sitka will face the winner of today's late game between Railbelt Conference number one seed Colony and Cook Inlet Conference at large entry Dimond in a Friday semifinal at 4 p.m.

C. Calhoun can't pitch again in the tournament but the Wolves have right handed senior Levi Hodges and left handed senior Compagno-Calhoun that will take to the mound, depending on who they face.

"They are both great starters," coach Carley said. "We are going to see who wins that four o'clock game today to make our decision. We'll watch that and see how they look against lefties and righties."

Ordinance Sets Rules For Smoking Parlors

SHANNON HAUGLAND
Sentinel Staff Writer

Besides taking on a few controversial issues, the Assembly handled some more straightforward items at last Thursday's meeting, including appointments, VHF radio purchases, and approval of on-site marijuana consumption facilities as conditional uses in Sitka.

Ordinances were passed by unanimous vote on most agenda items, with the exception of the final approval of the marijuana ordinance, which passed 5-1.

Marijuana Ordinance

The on-site consumption ordinance would allow marijuana retailers to seek an endorsement from the state and apply for a local conditional use permit for on-site consumption of marijuana at approved retail facilities.

The ordinance defines an on-site consumption facility, identifies the zoning districts the establishments can operate, and describes the process for obtaining a conditional use permit.

The vote was 5-1 with JJ Carlson, Kevin Mosher, Scott Saline, Thor Christianson and Mayor Steven Eisenbeisz in favor and Tim Pike against. Chris Ystad was absent.

With the passage of the ordinance, retailers may apply for an endorsement from the state for on-site consumption, and seek a conditional use permit from the Planning Commission in the central business district, commercial zones, the waterfront district, industrial zone, islands, and the Gary Paxton Industrial Park.

(See related story about the Planning Commission's approval of the first on-site marijuana consumption permit in Sitka.)

The ordinance defines an on-site marijuana consumption facility as a place to sell marijuana and marijuana products for consumption at the time of the purchase and only in a defined area, either indoors or outdoors. Bringing in marijuana from outside to consume at the site is not allowed.

Other editions of the Sentinel have covered the discussion on the proposed tower on Nancy Court, closure of Lincoln Street during the visitor season, the purchase of a new EV for Parks and Recreation, and direction on the contract for Visit Sitka.

In other business, at the Thursday meeting the Assembly:

- reappointed Wendy Alderson to the Planning Commission.

- approved a liquor license renewal for Ernie's Bar.

- accepted an \$80,096 grant from the state division of Homeland Security to pay for disaster response training, and mobile phones and radios for the fire and police departments.

- authorized the sale of two pieces of city equipment to the highest bidders: a 1992 CAT 140 grader from the streets department, which received a \$36,000 bid; and a 2006 MorBark 1000 tub grinder, from the solid waste department, which received a \$51,000 bid. Funds generated will go to the general fund for the grader sale and the solid waste fund for the tub grinder.

HPR Site Approved For Pot Sales, Smoking

CATHY LI
Sentinel Staff Writer

The Planning Commission approved two marijuana-related conditional use permits, one of them for onsite consumption, at its regular meeting Wednesday.

Two other conditional use permits were approved, one for a short-term rental and the other for operating a food truck in downtown Sitka.

All Commission members were present at the meeting and all items were approved unanimously.

Marijuana Retail Facility

Elizabeth and Marty Martin filed to operate a marijuana retail facility at 4509 Halibut Point Road in the C-2 general commercial mobile home district. They are also applying for an on-site consumption permit, as authorized by the Assembly's May 13 approval of a code change.

The property is adjacent to the cruise terminal, and consists of a 676-square-foot retail space, with two

120-square-foot gazebos. The entire 29,737-square-foot lot is surrounded by a fence.

The applicants said the facility is expected to operate 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week, opening in September 2026 at the earliest.

Staff recommended approval because it supports the comprehensive plan's goal to promote the growth of tourism-related enterprises and manufacturing businesses, in addition to reducing illegal public consumption of marijuana products by providing tourists with a legal venue that's accessible from the cruise ship docks.

A public comment from Tom Jacobsen supported the concept of a legal consumption facility, but strongly opposed its placement near a residential area. Although it's labeled as a commercial district, the development adjacent to it is functionally residential, Jacobsen said.

Commission members agreed with **Continued on Back Page**

School Funding Vote Postponed After Outcry

JAMES BROOKS
Alaska Beacon

Alaska's state school board has postponed consideration of a rules change that could limit the amount of money that cities and boroughs are allowed to give their neighborhood school districts.

velopment had proposed.

"I never want this board to (have) its integrity compromised by rash decisions," said board chair James Fields. "Our intent is to just try to uphold the law and do what's best for kids. And so I think giving it time (for) public comment is definitely what's best for kids."

Currently, state law limits the amount of money that municipalities may give to local schools. The department proposed adjusting the definition of the limit so that services provided by municipalities to the school district, such as parking lot plowing or the use of pools and libraries, also must be considered local contributions.

Cities and boroughs already at or near the contribution cap, such as Anchorage and Juneau, would be required to reduce their local funding in response.

The vote followed almost two hours of impassioned and unanimous public testimony against the idea.

Jason Weber, superintendent of Valdez City Schools, said adopting the state's proposal "would lead to an immediate reduction in the funding for student meals at a time when many states are expanding access to student meals."

"Alaska should not be taking food off of kids' plates," he said. Weber wasn't alone: School administrators, parents and elected officials testified against the change on Wednesday morning, urging the board to reject the proposal.

"The magnitude of this emergency regulation passing could result in tens of millions of fewer dollars for students across the state," said Jarrett Bryantt, **Continued on Back Page**



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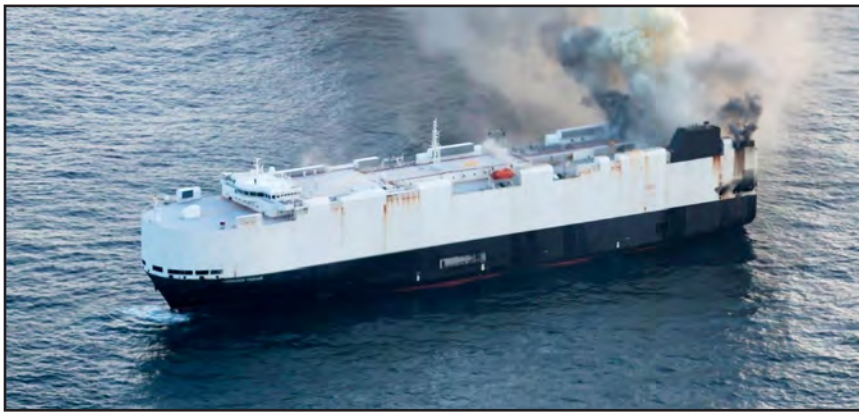
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Passengers
2710 (capacity)

Viking Venus
Sitka Cruise Terminal
7am - 4pm

Roald Amundsen
O'Connell Bridge
8am - 4pm

Riviera
Sitka Cruise Terminal
8am - 5pm

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In this photo provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, smoke rises from cargo vessel Morning Midas approximately 300 miles south of Adak, Alaska, June 3. The crew of the ship, carrying around 3,000 vehicles to Mexico, abandoned ship after they could not control a fire. (U.S. Coast Guard/Courtesy Air Station Kodiak via AP)

Shrimp Fishery Ends After Quota is Caught

ANNA LAFFREY
Sentinel Staff Writer

Commercial shrimp pot fishing closed at 4 p.m. today off the west coast of Baranof and Chichagof islands in fishery Sections 13-A/B, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced.

The shrimp pot fishery opened across Southeast on May 15. Section 13-A/B is closing this afternoon as participating fishermen are expected to harvest the entire 12,600-pound quota, or guideline harvest level, for the area. ADF&G reduced the commercial harvest quota for the area this year.

Seventeen fishery areas opened across Southeast this year with a combined guideline harvest level, of 408,600 pounds of whole shrimp. Most areas are now closed, as their GHLS have been met.

As of May 29, fishermen had harvested an estimated 9,000 pounds of shrimp from the 13-A/B area. ADF&G data shows that six boats fished in the 13-A/B area this season.

Since May 23, just four of those six boats have been fishing in 13-A/B, Sitka Assistant Area Management Biologist Anthony Walloch said today.

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks, White E

Dear Editor: I'd like to send a shout out to Sitka's very own White Elephant shop. This venerable institution has been benefitting the town for years and years, and donates its profits to many worthy NGO recipients, and currently is a useful shopping experience for visiting cruise ship workers.

I arrived here in '82 with a scant amount of belongings and not necessarily the best gear for the climate. The White E took care of that!

Over the years the volunteers have kept the shop going and the goods turning over. Who knows how many tons they have saved from ending up in the municipal garbage- and how many treasures have passed into new hands.

They are the recycling angels of Lingít Aaní, and somewhat of a social hub as well. There's always a friendly chat to be had on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday afternoons and Monday nights, when the crowds arrive.

And the volunteer staff! Thank you, gunalchéesh, salamat! What a wonderful job you do, though those still useful items in the dumpster can make a strong soul weep) tirelessly and cheerfully. Thanks so very much.

And the Free Book Shelf. What an absolute boon, a priceless windfall indeed.

All in all, "the E" aka the "White E" is a benefit to our town. Long may it thrive.

Nancy Metashvili, Sitka

Pride Month

Dear Editor: As we celebrate Pride Month in Sitka, we are reminded that visibility, safety, and belonging are not luxuries – they are lifelines, especially in a time when LGBTQ+ Alaskans face rising political attacks.

Current Alaska House Bill 40 seeks to bar transgender girls from partici-

pating in girls' school sports, enforcing a rigid definition of gender based on birth-assigned sex. Nationally, the picture is grim: a recent executive order redefined gender in federal policy as fixed at birth, cutting off funding for gender-affirming care and denying transgender people access to facilities that match their identity. The pace of these changes is staggering – and for many trans and nonbinary people, especially those with IDs that no longer match their birth-assigned sex, it's more than fear. It's a daily question of survival.

At Sitkans Against Family Violence, we know safety looks different for everyone. That's why our shelter is open to people of all genders, because everyone deserves access to support without fear or exclusion.

In times of growing uncertainty, building connection and belonging is more important than ever. Research shows that a sense of belonging is a protective factor against violence, isolation, and despair. That's why Sitka Pride is creating safe, inclusive spaces and challenging the rigid gender norms that too often put our community members at risk.

This Pride Month, Sitka Pride is hosting 15 events to bring us together – including an all-ages Pride Prom and a Pride March and Variety Show on June 28. These gatherings are joyful, welcoming spaces that remind us we are not alone.

We invite you to be part of it. Follow Sitka Pride on Instagram. Visit safv.org/pride to explore allyship resources, the Sitka Pride calendar, and ways to help build a Sitka where everyone, regardless of gender, identity, or background, knows they belong, knows they are held, and knows they are safe.

With pride and gratitude,

Mel Beadle, Sitkans Against Family Violence

New Zealand Parliament Bans 3 Maori Members

By CHARLOTTE GRAHAM-McLAY Associated Press

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — New Zealand legislators voted Thursday to enact record suspensions from Parliament for three lawmakers who performed a Māori haka to protest a proposed law.

Hana-Rāwhiti Maipi-Clarke received a seven-day ban and the leaders of her political party, Debbie Ngarewa-Packer and Rawiri Waititi, were barred for 21 days. Three days had been the longest ban for a lawmaker from New Zealand's Parliament before.

The lawmakers from Te Pāti Māori, the Māori Party, performed the haka, a chanting dance of challenge, in November to oppose a widely unpopular bill, now defeated, that they said would reverse Indigenous rights.

The protest drew global headlines and provoked months of fraught debate among lawmakers about what the consequences for the lawmakers' actions should be and the place of Māori culture in Parliament.

Why the punishment was so strict. A committee of the lawmakers'

peers in April recommended the lengthy bans. It said the lawmakers were not being punished for the haka, but for striding across the floor of the debating chamber toward their opponents while doing it.

Judith Collins, the committee chair, said the lawmakers' behavior was egregious, disruptive and potentially intimidating.

Maipi-Clarke, 22, rejected that description Thursday, citing other instances when legislators have left their seats and approached opponents without sanction. The suspended legislators said they are being treated more harshly than others because they are Māori.

"I came into this house to give a voice to the voiceless. Is that the real issue here?" Maipi-Clarke asked Parliament. "Is that the real intimidation here? Are our voices too loud for this house?"

Why this haka was controversial. Inside and outside Parliament, the haka has increasingly been welcomed as an important part of New Zealand life. The sacred chant can be a challenge to the viewer but is not violent.

As Māori language and culture have become part of mainstream New Zealand in recent years, haka appear in a range of cultural, somber and celebratory settings. They also have rung out in Parliament to welcome the passage of high-profile laws.

Someone who decried the protest haka in Parliament cited its timing, with Maipi-Clarke beginning the chant as votes were being tallied and causing a brief suspension of proceedings. She has privately apologized for the disruption to Parliament's Speaker, she said Thursday.

A few lawmakers urged their peers to consider rewriting rules about what lawmakers could do in Parliament to recognize Māori cultural protocols as accepted forms of protest. One cited changes to allow breastfeeding in the debating chamber as evidence the institution had amended rules before.

Who approved the suspensions. Normally the parliamentary committee that decides on punishments for errant lawmakers is in agreement on what should happen to them. But panel members were sharply divided over the haka protest and the lengthy punishments were advanced only because the government has more legislators in Parliament than the opposition.

One party in the government bloc wanted even longer suspensions and had asked the committee if the Māori party lawmakers could be jailed. Most in opposition rejected any punishment beyond the one-day ban Maipi-Clarke already served.

Weather

Sitka Forecast

For tonight expect a low of 44 degrees with a 30 percent chance of showers. For Friday: a high of 54 degrees with a 30 percent chance of showers followed by an overnight low of 47 degrees with showers.

Sitka Weather

Temperatures ranged from 48 to 54 degrees, the wind gusted to 26 mph at 4:53 p.m., and .58 inch of rain was measured, the National Weather Service says.



People wait in line outside the Nintendo store in New York's Rockefeller Center today. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Fans Get In Long Lines For Nintendo Switch 2

By AYAKA MCGILL Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Throngs of gamers stood in long lines outside of stores hours before they opened today from Tokyo to New York City in hopes of snaring a long-awaited Nintendo Switch 2 video game console.

Enthusiasts have been clamoring for an upgrade to Nintendo's eight-year-old predecessor for years. Nintendo, which is counting on the Switch 2 to boost sagging sales, has added new social features meant to lure players into online gaming.

The much anticipated Switch 2, being released around the world today, is an upgrade to its eight-year-old predecessor with new social features meant to draw players into online gaming. Nintendo is counting on the Switch 2 to boost sagging sales.

In the U.S., a chaotic pre-order process in April left some fans frustrated after the consoles quickly sold out. People lined up early today at stores in hopes of buying one.

"I'm just rolling the dice here," said Edgar Huo, who was in a line of about 25 outside of a Target in the Tribeca neighborhood of Manhattan, New York. Many of those waiting for the store to open had ordered online, but a few like Huo hoped for a chance at purchasing any extra inventory the store had.

In Japan, the new consoles were sold through a competitive lottery system that Nintendo said got about 2.2 million applications.

Outside the official draw, some retailers offered their own lotteries to pre-order the devices.

Koji Takahashi was among those who missed out on the official draw but he was selected in the second round of a lottery held by a major electronics retailer in Japan.

He was first in line waiting outside the store, arriving four hours ahead of its opening. He hoped to secure a limited supply of Nintendo accessories to buy along with his pre-ordered Switch 2.

"I feel very sorry for those who weren't successful in the lottery. But I also had tough time getting this far, so I hope they forgive me!" Takahashi said.

Nintendo of America President Doug Bowser told CBS Morning Plus today that the company is aware of the demand for its newest system and is working to get units into the hands of customers.

"We have a steady supply of manufacturing that will be coming in, and we believe we'll be able to meet that demand all the way through the summer, through Father's Day and then on into the holiday period also," Bowser said.

The new console comes with a larger and higher resolution screen than its predecessor, with improved processing power, offering smoother and more vivid graphics. Central to its updated system is a new "C" button on its controller, which will launch a "GameChat" feature that requires a subscription to Nintendo's Switch online service. It allows players to "communicate with friends and family while playing a game," and lets them share their game screen with others. A built-in microphone will also allow chatting with other gamers.

Nintendo has said it expects to sell 15 million Switch 2 consoles for the fiscal year through March 2026. The company also rolled out new Switch 2 editions for two of its popular "Legend of Zelda" games. A Pokemon title and a Kirby game are also coming, as well as offerings from outside video game publishers.

The Switch 2's rollout arrives at an uncertain time for much of the gaming industry due to new tariffs implemented by U.S. President Donald Trump.

In the U.S., the Switch 2's baseline launch price is \$449.99 — significantly higher than the original Switch's \$299 price tag.

U.S. preorders for the Switch 2 were delayed for several weeks so the company could assess the potential impact of tariffs.

Court Backs Claim Of Reverse Discrimination

By MARK SHERMAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A unanimous Supreme Court made it easier today to bring lawsuits over so-called reverse discrimination, siding with an Ohio woman who claims she didn't get a job and then was demoted because she is straight.

The justices' decision affects lawsuits in 20 states and the District of Columbia where, until now, courts had set a higher bar when members of a majority group, including those who are white and heterosexual, sue for discrimination under federal law.

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson wrote for the court that federal civil rights law draws no distinction between members of majority and minority groups.

"By establishing the same protections for every 'individual' — without regard to that individual's membership in a minority or majority group — Congress left no room for courts to impose special requirements on majority-group plaintiffs alone," Jackson wrote.

The court ruled in an appeal from Marlean Ames, who has worked for the Ohio Department of Youth Services for more than 20 years.

Though he joined Jackson's opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas noted in a separate opinion that some of the country's "largest and most prestigious employers have overtly discriminated against those they deem members of so-called majority groups."

Thomas, joined by Justice Neil Gorsuch, cited a brief filed by America First Legal, a conservative group founded by Trump aide Stephen Miller, to assert that "American employers have long been 'obsessed' with 'diversity, equity, and inclusion' initiatives and affirmative action plans."

Two years ago, the court's conservative majority outlawed consideration of race in university admissions. Since taking office in January, President Donald Trump has ordered an end to DEI policies in the federal government and has sought to end government

support for DEI programs elsewhere. Some of the new administration's anti-DEI initiatives have been temporarily blocked in federal court.

Federal agencies have moved quickly to implement Trump's vision and shift priorities to reflect that mission, including rooting out discrimination against members of majority groups.

The head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, responsible for enforcing workplace anti-discrimination laws, has pivoted the agency to focus on eliminating "all forms" of race discrimination, including those stemming from DEI initiatives.

At the same time, Acting Chair Andrea Lucas has moved to deprioritize cases involving discrimination against transgender workers, saying she rejects the idea that "civil rights exist solely to remedy harms against certain groups."

Jackson's opinion makes no mention of DEI. Instead, she focused on Ames' contention that she was passed over for a promotion and then demoted because she is heterosexual. Both the job she sought and the one she had held were given to LGBTQ people.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 bars sex discrimination in the workplace. A trial court and the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Ames.

The 6th circuit is among the courts that had required an additional requirement for people like Ames, showing "background circumstances" that might include that LGBTQ people made the decisions affecting Ames or statistical evidence of a pattern of discrimination against members of the majority group.

The appeals court noted that Ames didn't provide any such circumstances. But Jackson wrote that "this additional 'background circumstances' requirement is not consistent with Title VII's text or our case law construing the statute."

Associated Press writer Claire Savage contributed to this report from Chicago.

Trump Threatens Musk With Loss of Gov't. Aid

By MICHELLE L. PRICE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump and Elon Musk's alliance took off like one of SpaceX's rockets. It was supercharged and soared high. And then it blew up.

The spectacular flameout today hit a crescendo when Trump threatened to cut Musk's government contracts and Musk said without providing evidence that Trump's administration hasn't released all the records related to sex abuser Jeffrey Epstein because Trump is mentioned in them.

The messy blow-up between the president of the United States and the world's richest man played out on their respective social media platforms after Trump was asked during a White House meeting with Germany's new leader about Musk's criticism of his spending bill.

It came less than a week after they appeared together at the White House for a subdued goodbye and Trump thanked Musk for his brief time in the U.S. government by handing him a symbolic but nonfunctional golden key.

Trump had largely remained silent as Musk stewed over the last few days on his social media platform X, condemning the president's so-called "Big Beautiful Bill." But Trump clapped back today in the Oval Office, saying he was "very disappointed in Musk."

Musk responded on social media in real time. Trump, who was supposed to be spending today discussing an end to the Russia-Ukraine war with German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, ratcheted up the stakes when he turned to his own social media network, Truth Social, and threatened to use the U.S. government to hurt Musk's bottom line by going after contracts held by his internet company Starlink and rocket company SpaceX.

"The easiest way to save money in our Budget, Billions and Billions of Dollars, is to terminate Elon's Governmental Subsidies and Contracts," Trump wrote on his social media network.

"This just gets better and better," Musk quickly replied on X. "Go ahead, make my day."

Musk then said, without offering evidence of how he might know the information, that Trump was "in the Epstein files. That is the real reason they have not been made public. Have a nice day, DJT!"

The insinuation tapped into long-standing suspicions among conspiracy theorists and online sleuths that incriminating and sensitive files in the government's possession have yet to be released.

The deepening rift unfurled much like their relationship started — rapidly, intensely and very publicly.

It also quickly hit Musk financially, even before Trump's threat.

After Trump started speaking about Musk, shares of his electric vehicle company Tesla fell over 10%, their latest notable move since the election. The shares doubled in the weeks after Trump was elected, gave back those gains and more during Musk's time at DOGE and then rallied after he vowed in April to focus much more on Tesla and his other companies.

Politicians and their donor patrons rarely see eye to eye. But the magnitude of Musk's support for Trump, spending at least \$250 million backing his campaign, and the scope of free rein the president gave him to slash and delve into the government with the Department of Government Efficiency is eclipsed only by the speed of their falling-out.

Musk offered up an especially stinging insult to a president sensitive about his standing among voters: "Without me, Trump would have lost the election," Musk retorted. "Such ingratitude," Musk said in a follow-up post.

Musk announced his support for Trump shortly after the then-candidate was nearly assassinated on stage at a Butler, Pennsylvania, rally last July. News of Musk's political action committee in support of Trump's election came days later.

Musk soon became a close adviser and frequent companion, memorably leaping in the air behind Trump on stage at a rally in October. Once Trump was elected, the tech billionaire stood behind him as he took the oath of office, flew with him on Air Force One for weekend stays at Mar-a-Lago, slept in the White House's Lincoln Bedroom and joined his Cabinet meetings wearing a MAGA hat (sometimes more than one).

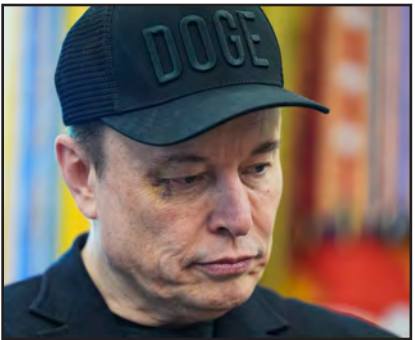
Three months ago, Trump purchased a red Tesla from Musk on the White House driveway as a public show of support for his business as it faced blowback.

Musk bid farewell to Trump last week in a somewhat somber news conference in the Oval Office, where he sported a black eye that he said came from his young son but that seemed to be a metaphor for his messy time in government service.

Trump, who rarely misses an opportunity to zing his critics on appearance, brought it up today.

"I said, 'Do you want a little makeup?' We'll get you a little makeup." Which is interesting," Trump said.

The Republican president's comments came as Musk has griped for days on social media about Trump's spending bill, warning that it will in-



Elon Musk. (AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

crease the federal deficit. Musk has called the bill a "disgusting abomination."

"He hasn't said bad about me personally, but I'm sure that will be next," Trump said today in the Oval Office, presaging his future. "But I'm very disappointed in Elon. I've helped Elon a lot."

Trump later said on social media that "Elon was 'wearing thin,' I asked him to leave." Musk's government employment status, however, limited him from continuing to work.

"He just went CRAZY!" Trump said.

Observers had long wondered if the friendship between the two brash billionaires known for lobbing insults online would flame out in spectacular fashion. It did, in less than a year.

Trump said today that he and Musk had had a great relationship but mused: "I don't know if we will anymore."

He said some people who leave his administration "miss it so badly" and "actually become hostile."

"It's sort of Trump derangement syndrome, I guess they call it," he said.

He brushed aside the billionaire's efforts to get him elected last year, including a \$1 million-a-day voter sweepstakes in Pennsylvania. The surge of cash Musk showed he was willing to spend seemed to set him up as a highly coveted ally for Republicans going forward, but his split with Trump, the party's leader, raises questions about whether they or any others will see such a campaign windfall in the future.

Trump said Musk "only developed a problem" with the bill because it rolls back tax credits for electric vehicles.

"False," Musk fired back on his social media platform as the president continued speaking. "This bill was never shown to me even once and was passed in the dead of night so fast that almost no one in Congress could even read it!"

In another post, he said Trump could keep the spending cuts but "ditch the MOUNTAIN of DISGUSTING PORK in the bill."

Besides Musk being "disturbed" by the electric vehicle tax credits, Trump said another point of contention was Musk's promotion of Jared Isaacman to run NASA.

Trump withdrew Isaacman's nomination over the weekend, days after Musk left his government role.

"I didn't think it was appropriate," Trump said today, calling Isaacman "totally a Democrat."

Musk continued slinging his responses on social media. He shared some posts Trump made over a decade ago criticizing Republicans for their spending, musings made when he, too, was just a billionaire lobbying his thoughts on social media.

"Where is the man who wrote these words?" Musk wrote. "Was he replaced by a body double!?"

Former Zambian President Lungu Dies at Age 68

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) — Former Zambian President Edgar Lungu, who served as the leader of the southern African nation from 2015-2021, died Thursday, his daughter said. He was 68.

Lungu's daughter, Tasila Lungu-Mwansa, announced his death in a video posted on the official Facebook page of his political party, the Patriotic Front. She said he died in a hospital in South Africa after having been under "medical supervision" in recent weeks. Lungu-Mwansa, who is a lawmaker, did not give a cause of death.

Lungu became president in 2015 to complete the term of Michael Sata after he died in office. Lungu was elected to a full presidential term in 2016, beating current Zambian President Hakainde Hichilema. Lungu later lost to Hichilema in the 2021 election.

Lungu had sought to challenge Hichilema in next year's presidential election, but a court last year barred him from standing. The court ruled his time as president from 2015-2016 counted as a full term and said he had, therefore, served the maximum length of two terms.

Lungu alleged there was political interference in the court ruling. His wife and other family members have faced corruption allegations.

Lungu claimed last year that his movements were being monitored by police and he had effectively been placed under house arrest to restrict his return to politics. Police said it was standard to monitor former presidents for their safety.

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Emblem Club Meets June 12

Sitka Emblem Club 142 will hold its June business meeting 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Sitka Elks Lodge.

Members are invited and being encouraged to attend this last business meeting until September.

Agenda items include: election of a press correspondent, discussion of Flag Day, Father's Day and 4th of July events.

Contact President Mindy Lowrance 907 738-2418 with questions.

Brave Heart Bowls Fundraiser July 5

Brave Heart Volunteers will host its annual BHV Bowls fundraiser 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, July 5, at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

Three-hundred hand-crafted ceramic bowls will be available for a suggested donation. Donors also will receive a free cup of soup and bread to go.

The fundraiser supports the essential work of BHV, a group that works with those are facing loneliness, grief and end of life.

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY

5 p.m. Bad Art Party, tweens and teens, Sitka Public Library
5:30 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, call 907 738-8891 for location
6-8 p.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
6:30 p.m. Women's AA, Unitarian Fellowship Hall, AA Hotline 907 747-8866
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln Street, AA hotline 907-747-8866

FRIDAY

6-8 a.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
10 a.m. Bingocize, Swan Lake Senior Center
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 907-747-8866 for information
1-3 p.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
5:30 p.m. NA Meeting, St. Peter's Church basement
6-8 p.m. MEHS Aquatic Center pool open
7 p.m. Sitka Music Festival concert, Harrigan Centennial Hall
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's basement, 611 Lincoln Street, hotline 907-747-8866

SATURDAY

9 a.m.-Noon Swan Lake Kids Fishing Day, registration at 8 a.m.
9 a.m. National Trails Day Volunteer Event, Mosquito Cove Trail
9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Open Practice, Sitka Sportsman's Association indoor pistol range
10 a.m. Free Sewing Session, Ocean Wave Quilters, United Methodist Church
10 a.m. Tai Chi Chih, St. Peter's See House
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Trap and Skeet, Sitka Sportsman's Association
Noon AA, St. Peter's basement, call AA hotline 747-8866 for information
Noon-4 p.m. Salvation Army Little Store open
Noon-3 p.m. White Elephant Shop open
7 p.m. Sitka Music Festival concert, Harrigan Centennial Hall
7 p.m. AA, St. Peter's Church basement, call 907-747-8866, potluck upstairs at 6 p.m. on last Saturday of the month

Homes for Sale

July 4 Parade Registration On

The theme of the annual 4th of July parade is "Youth to the Future."

Line-up begins at noon on Lake Street with the parade starting at 1 p.m. at the roundabout. Parade participants will proceed to the spotlight, turning right onto Lincoln Street and then continuing down past City Hall, turning left on Harbor Drive.

The theme was inspired by Alaska's state motto, "North to the Future."

"The theme celebrates energy, creativity, and vision of our young people, while looking ahead to what lies ahead for our community and state," Greater

Sitka Chamber of Commerce said in a news release. "We encourage creative and thoughtful interpretations."

Floats, walking groups, performers, and decorated vehicles are welcome. The \$25 registration fee goes directly toward parade prizes, including: Best of Parade, Best of Theme, and Most Enthusiastic.

Float registration is required and all attendees must attend a pre-parade meeting held via Zoom at 2 p.m. Monday, June 30, to confirm parade rules and line-up order. Register floats before Monday, June 30, the Chamber said.

Police Blotter

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

June 4

At 11:08 a.m. a 911 caller reported being locked out of a car. Police provided information on contacting a locksmith.

The animal control officer issued a warning to the owners of a barking dog on Edgcumbe Drive.

At 12:35 p.m. a driver illegally parked on Edgcumbe Drive where a Public Works crew was painting traffic lines was told to move the vehicle.

A civil dispute was reported between an ex-employee and an employer over housing.

At 2 p.m. a caller in the 1700 block of SMC said a golden retriever had wandered onto the property. The animal control officer was notified.

At 3:18 p.m. a driver was reported speeding on Katlian. Police talked to the driver.

At 5:04 p.m. a caller said he'd seen a driver hit a deer on SMC then apparently try to cut its throat. Police found

no evidence of such an occurrence.

At 7:41 p.m. a caller said a man had exposed himself outside a trailer on HPR, where children were present. No one answered the door to the trailer when police knocked.

At 8:12 p.m. two drivers were reported speeding on Back Beach. Police found people having a bonfire, and none admitted to speeding.

Emergency Calls

Sitka Fire Department received two ambulance calls Wednesday.

T'ai Chi Chih

Practice Saturday

T'ai Chi Chih practice will be offered 10 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at the See House behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Use the sidewalk to the right to enter building.

Arts Council Sets Annual Meeting

Greater Sitka Arts Council will hold its annual meeting 6-8 p.m. June 19 at Harrigan Centennial Hall.

The group sponsors Wearable Arts Show, PorchFest, art walks, street art projects and other activities.

Those interested in helping with the arts programs and/or having ideas on potential projects for the Arts Council are invited to attend the meeting.

For information contact Bobbi at thinkartthinksitka@gmail.com.

Bad Art Party

Slated at Library

Tweens and teens are invited to kick-off the Color Our World summer program at Sitka Public Library with a Bad Art party 5 p.m. today.

Participants will have access to craft and art materials to create the "worst" possible piece of art. At the end of the party, a Bad Art Exhibition will be set so everyone can browse and cast three votes for their favorite pieces. The winner will get a dreadful trophy.

The program is free, and pizza and snacks will be provided. Registration is preferred. For information call 907 747-4020 or email Maite at maite.lorente@cityofsitka.org.

Summer Breakfast Ready at Library

Sitka Public Library's free grab-n-go summer breakfast program will run Wednesdays, June 4-July 30.

Youths can pick up a free bagged snack at the library's ocean side window. Twenty bags are available first-come, first-served. It is not based on family income. Registration is not necessary. The program is offered in partnership with Sitka Conservation Society.

For information call 907 747-4020 or email maite.lorente@cityofsitka.org.

Salty Spoke Open Saturdays

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

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

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

For more information go to www.saltyspoke.com or email thesaltyspoke@gmail.com.

LO-Play Camp At Science Center

LO-Play, a camp for 3-5 year olds, is being offered by Sitka Sound Science Center.

Focused on outdoor learning and exploration, it will meet 9 a.m.-noon Monday-Thursday, July 9-12, on the SJ Campus and science center property.

"Our explorations will focus on the idea of shelter in a variety of environments and for a variety of living beings," the science center said.

Camp will include snacks. Organizers will work with families to make sure participants have the outdoor gear and layers they need to stay safe and comfortable outdoors, organizers said. Campers must be potty trained.

Those with questions can email kpaustian@sitkascience.org. Register at SitkaScience.org.



WHITE E GRANT – Newly elected White Elephant Board President Tom Mattingly, right, presents a grant of \$10,000 to Lee House, manager of the Swan Lake Senior Center. (Photo provided to the Sentinel)

Native Artists to Teach At Sheldon Jackson Museum

The Sheldon Jackson Museum and Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum invite the public to sign up for free hands-on art classes with Alaska Native artists-in-residence between June and September.

The classes will be held at the Sheldon Jackson Museum with some offered simultaneously on zoom. While the classes are offered at no cost, some classes require students to pay a materials fee to the instructor at the time of sign-up.

In some cases, students must acquire materials online or locally in advance of the class. All classes require students to sign up in advance by calling 907-747-8981 or stopping by the museum in-person.

This year, from mid-June until mid-October, the museum is hosting a series of five artists-in-residence. Artists include relief print maker and acrylic painter Unangax' Liz Chikayaasix' Morrow (June 17-July 3) Yup'ik ivory, baleen, and wood jewelry maker Shirley Hootch (July 15-Aug. 3), Yup'ik & Curyung Tribe bead worker and graphic artist Amber Webb (Aug. 11-31), Koyukon Athabaskan, and Unangax', & Inupiaq painter and seal gut jewelry maker Danielle Larsen (Sept. 2-20).

This year's residency program will include the following classes:

–A two-part relief printing class Wed., June 25, from 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. with Liz Morrow (Unangax'), in-person and on zoom. Students must order some materials online prior to attending. For a list of supplies, call (907) 747-8981. This class is for ages 12+.

–A two-part maskette earring making class taught by Shirley Hootch (Yup'ik) Friday, July 18, and Friday, July 25, 1-4 p.m. both days, in-person. Students should take a small set of acrylic paints and brushes to the class and will need to pay Hootch a \$20 material fee.

It is open to all ages.

–A two-part fish skin earring making class taught by Amber Webb (Yup'ik & Curyung Tribe) on Friday, Aug. 15,

National Trails Day Event Set June 7

To celebrate National Trails Day on Saturday, June 7, Sitka Trail Works is hosting a trail work volunteer event 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to make improvements to the Mosquito Cove Trail.

Registration in advance is encouraged, at SitkaTrailWorks.org/events. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Meets

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, America's volunteer lifesavers, will meet 5:30 p.m. today. For more information call 907 738-8891

11 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., in-person only. Students will need to pay Webb a \$20 materials fee. The class is open to ages 12 and older.

–A painting still life class taught by Danielle Larsen (Koyukon Athabaskan, Unangax', & Inupiaq) on Thursday, Sept. 11, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., in-person and on zoom. This class is open to ages 10 and older. Students will need to buy some materials in advance of the class. For a list of supplies, call (907) 747-8981.

To view events a details related to the Native Artist Residency Program, visit the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Facebook page or website at <https://friendsofsjm.com/calendar/> or the Alaska State Museum website at https://museums.alaska.gov/sheldon_jackson/sjhome.html.

The Native Artist Residency Program is made possible through the support of the Maxwell Hanrahan Foundation, Alaska Airlines, Friends of the Sheldon Jackson Museum, and private donations. To learn more about how you can support the residency program, visit www.friendsofsjm.com.

Summer hours at the Sheldon Jackson Museum are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Summer admission is \$9 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs.

For information on operations or events, contact the museum by calling (907) 747-8981.

Kids Fishing Day Slated for June 7

Sitka Rotary Club, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and U.S. Forest Service are inviting kids to participate in the annual Swan Lake Kids Fishing Day on Saturday, June 7.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Fishing will take place 9 a.m.-noon. Prizes will be awarded throughout. The free event is for children, ages 4-12 years, accompanied by parents.

Young anglers may fish from shore or by boat. Flotation jackets are required for boaters.

The Rotary Club will be selling hot dogs, chips, and drinks for \$1.

Organizers ask motorists to refrain from parking on the Swan Lake side of the street except for when boats are being unloaded or loaded.

Free Sewing Session June 7

Ocean Wave Quilters sponsors a free open sewing session 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at United Methodist Church.

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

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



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SENTINEL SPORTS

Orioles Continue Streak, Beat M's

SEATTLE (AP) — Heston Kjerstad put Baltimore ahead with a two-run triple in the seventh inning and the Orioles beat the Seattle Mariners 3-2 on Wednesday night for their fifth straight win.

Adley Rutschman hit a tying homer in the sixth for the Orioles (24-36), who have won eight of 10. They've taken back-to-back series for the first time all season and will go for their second consecutive three-game sweep today.

Kjerstad lined a cutter from reliever Carlos Vargas (1-4) into the right-field corner to give Baltimore a 3-2 lead.

Seattle put two runners on with one out in the ninth, but Baltimore closer Félix Bautista retired the final two batters for his 11th save.

Rutschman connected for a solo shot off starter Emerson Hancock, who permitted only two hits in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out six.

A sacrifice fly by Randy Arozarena in the fourth put Seattle in front. Cal Raleigh roped an RBI single in

the sixth to give the Mariners a 2-1 advantage.

Baltimore starter Cade Povich allowed two runs and four hits in 5 1/3 innings. Yennier Cano (1-4) got two outs for the win.

With the Orioles trailing by a run in the sixth, shortstop Gunnar Henderson fielded a grounder and fired home. Plate umpire Jeremie Rehak called J.P. Crawford safe, but Baltimore challenged the call and it was overturned following a replay review.

Cano, Seranthony Dominguez, Gregory Soto and Bautista combined for six strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings of one-hit relief.

Mariners right-hander Logan Gilbert threw 60 pitches in his second rehab start for Triple-A Tacoma. He allowed five hits and struck out two in three innings. Gilbert is working his way back from a Grade 1 flexor strain in his pitching elbow.

Baltimore RHP Zach Eflin (4-2, 4.46 ERA) faces RHP Bryan Woo (5-2, 2.82) in the series finale this afternoon.

Gauff Beats Boisson, Makes Finals

PARIS (AP) — As popular as Coco Gauff is, she knew full well that nearly all of the 15,000 fans at Court Philippe-Chatrier would be against her during the French Open semifinals today. That's because Gauff, an American, was taking on a French opponent — and one who came from nowhere, 361st-ranked Lois Boisson.

So the No. 2-seeded Gauff turned to a trick that 24-time major champion Novak Djokovic has talked about using: When the partisan crowd was loudly singing Boisson's first name, Gauff pretended they were chanting "Coco!" Not that it mattered much, truly, because Gauff was by far the superior player throughout a 6-1, 6-2 victory that earned her a second trip to the final at Roland-Garros.

Three years ago, Gauff missed out on a chance to leave with the trophy when Iga Swiatek beat her. This time, Swiatek won't be around for the championship match on Saturday, because her 26-match unbeaten run at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament ended earlier today with a 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-0 loss to No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka.

But that wasn't really in the offing against Boisson, who beat No. 3 Jessica Pegula and No. 6 Mirra Andrejeva while becoming the first woman since 1989 to get all the way to the semifinals in her first Grand Slam tournament.

It's been a quarter-century since a woman representing France won the singles title at Roland-Garros — Mary Pierce in 2000 — so Boisson became front-page news. The flags flapping in the stands, and the raucous applause and yells accompanying each point Boisson won, were hard to miss.

"I was mentally prepared before the match that it was going to be 99% for her. But I just tried to block it out," Gauff told the spectators during her on-court interview, laughing as she explained her thought process. "And actually, when you guys were chanting her name, I was saying to myself my name. Just to kind of psych myself out. You have to do that."

Then she added: "I know you guys would usually root for me if I'm not playing a French (foe)."

Gauff never really allowed the atmosphere to become much of a factor, because she took Boisson out of the match from the get-go, grabbing 20 of the first 30 points to lead 4-0.

As much as Boisson's game is fit for clay, Gauff is rather adept on the slower surface, too. Her speed and reflexes allow her to track down shot after shot, elongating points and making the player across the net come up with the goods over and over.

Boisson finished with just seven winners. And Gauff made only 15 unforced errors, fewer than half of Boisson's total of 33.

When the exchanges grew longer, Gauff got better. She won 34 of 51 points that lasted five strokes or more.

"I couldn't play my game today," Boisson said, "because she was just too good."

Sabalenka vs. Gauff will be the first No. 1 vs. No. 2 final in Paris since 2013, when Serena Williams defeated Maria Sharapova, and just the second in the last 30 years.

Sabalenka, a 27-year-old from Belarus who owns three major titles, and Gauff have split their 10 previous matchups evenly. Gauff's first Grand Slam title came via a win against Sabalenka in the 2023 U.S. Open final; Sabalenka won their most recent encounter, on a clay court at the Madrid Open a month ago.

"Anything can happen on Saturday," Gauff said. "But I'm looking forward to it, and glad to be going up against a world No. 1, too."

Gauff, a 21-year-old from Florida, figures to hear at least the occasional "Allez, Coco!" while meeting Sabalenka.

D-Backs Rally to Win in Ninth

ATLANTA (AP) — Eugenio Suárez hit a go-ahead, two-run double off Raisel Iglesias to cap a seven-run ninth inning, and the Arizona Diamondbacks stunned the Atlanta Braves 11-10 today to sweep a three-game series.

Lourdes Gurriel Jr. hit a one-out homer in the ninth and Alek Thomas followed with a two-run shot, both off Scott Blewett, to get the Diamondbacks within 10-7. After Blewett walked the next batter, the Braves brought in closer Iglesias (3-5), who allowed hits to four of the next five to blow a save for the fourth time this season.

Ketel Marte homered for Arizona in the eighth and had an RBI infield single in the ninth that made it 10-8. After Iglesias got a popout for the second out, Ildemaro Vargas hit an RBI single and Suárez completed the rally with his line drive to left.

Shelby Miller worked the bottom half to pick up his sixth save for Arizona, which has won four straight. Kendall Graveman (1-0) pitched the

eightth.

Ronald Acuña Jr., Austin Riley and Drake Baldwin homered for the Braves, who have lost four straight and 11 of 14. Atlanta had scored just five runs in its previous three games but finished with 12 hits, eight for extra bases.

Arizona starter Brandon Pfaadt allowed six runs (five earned) in three innings. He has an 11.09 ERA in his last five starts. Tommy Henry surrendered three homers in relief.

Marcell Ozuna hit into a game-ending double play to boos from the Truist Park crowd.

Ozzie Albies extended his on-base streak to 20 games with a walk. He has hits in 17 of the 20.

Atlanta's Spencer Schwellenbach (4-4, 3.13 ERA) will open a three-game series at San Francisco against Hayden Birdsong (3-1, 2.37) on Friday. The Diamondbacks had not announced who will oppose the Reds' Nick Lodolo (4-4, 3.10) in the opener of a series at Cincinnati.

Medvejeje Solstice Run
June 21 at 9 a.m.

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

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

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

Lady Wolves Roll past Kayhi, Proceed to State

By GARLAND KENNEDY
Sentinel Sports Editor

Sitka High's Lady Wolves rolled to victory over the Ketchikan Lady Kings in a two-game softball series in Ketchikan to wrap up regular season gameplay prior to the state tournament this week in Anchorage.

The games in Ketchikan this past weekend were for the Region V championship for Division II, in which only Ketchikan and Sitka have softball teams.

On Saturday Sitka routed Kayhi 15-0 in a no-hitter thrown by starting pitcher Alina Lebahn, and on Sunday the Lady Wolves continued their dominance, winning the second game 19-5 in a match that featured a home run hit by Sitka's Ally Mayville.



Sitka's Alina Lebahn and Ally Mayville celebrate after Lebahn got an out during their 15-0 victory over Kayhi at Dudley Field on Saturday. (Photo by Christopher Mullen/ Ketchikan Daily News)

Sitka's hitting ability was on full display at the two-team regional tournament, Lebahn said

"Having our bats starting off hot in the first inning, everybody was hitting, we got our first three batters on base consistently, and made sure that those batters were batted in, and then defensively, making all the easy plays, all routine plays were made," Lebahn said.

She pitched both games against Kayhi, allowing no hits in the first and giving up only a single walk.

"Our defense was really hot, we had a no-hitter. The first game, our team, our defense was hot... We just kept it going, they scored a little bit more, but it was defensively (solid), and the bats were on fire. Everybody was hitting; everybody was scoring," Lebahn said.

Sitka coach Jael McCarthy noted Lebahn's strong pitching, and said the team's batting also was solid

ed Sitka's strong fielding in both games.

"I think our defense was really well this weekend," Blankenship said. "We were talking a lot and making sure where to throw it. We were just communicating really well."

Looking forward to the state tourney, she said, "I feel good about it, I think we'll do good."

The Lady Wolves are the top seeded team going into pool play in the tournament being held in Anchorage and is facing Soldotna and Kenai today.

McCarty said Soldotna is an unknown quantity for Sitka so far this season.

"We've never seen them at state before. They are an up-and-coming scrappy team, and scrappy teams can be pretty dangerous, so we're not going to overlook anybody," he said. "We'll see Kenai, we saw them earlier this year, beat them in the tournament... (Kodiak is) coming off of a really solid season, so it should be interesting to see up there, because you don't know who's going to end up in the championship," McCarty said.

Lebahn said the Lady Wolves tend to keep morale high in the dug-out and "when we're on it, we're on it."

"We're always singing in the dugout, making up the most random, crazy cheers. We're just all friends. This is a fun team. There's not a whole bunch of pressure on anybody ever, it's always just a fun environment. There's a lot of trust on the team," Lebahn said. "When we're hitting, nobody can really beat us," she added.

Sabalenka Ends Swiatek's Reign, Meets Gauff



Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus reacts as she plays against Poland's Iga Swiatek during their semifinal match of the French Tennis Open at the Roland-Garros stadium in Paris, today. (AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — Flecks of rust-colored clay dotted Aryna Sabalenka's back and caked her white shoes as she ripped big shot after big shot against Iga Swiatek today, the thud of racket-on-string reverberating off the closed roof at the main stadium at Roland Garros.

So used to hearing — and believing — she was a fast-court specialist who couldn't succeed on the slower red clay used at Roland-Garros, the No. 1-ranked Sabalenka showed just how good she can be on the surface by ending Swiatek's 26-match unbeaten streak at the French Open and bid for a

record fourth consecutive trophy with a 7-6 (1), 4-6, 6-0 win in today's semifinals.

Now Sabalenka will try to win her fourth Grand Slam title — and first not on a hard court — when she takes on No. 2 Coco Gauff in Saturday's final. It will be the first title match in Paris between the Nos. 1 and 2 women since 2013 and just the second in the past 30 years.

"It's going to mean everything to me and my team, because I have to say that almost (my) whole life, I've been told (clay) is not my thing, and then I didn't have any confidence," Sabalenka said. "In the past — I don't know how

many years — we've been able to develop my game so much, so I feel really comfortable on this surface and actually enjoy playing on clay."

Gauff, a 21-year-old American who was the runner-up in 2022 to Swiatek, reached her second French Open final by beating 361st-ranked French wildcard entry Lois Boisson 6-1, 6-2 in a far-less-interesting, far-less-competitive semifinal.

"My first final here, I was super nervous, and I kind of wrote myself off before the match even happened," said Gauff, who is 5-5 against Sabalenka and beat her for the 2023 U.S. Open title at age 19. "Obviously, here, I have a lot more confidence just from playing a Grand Slam final before and doing well in one."

Much to the chagrin of the 15,000 or so locals pulling for their countrywoman at Court Philippe-Chatrier, Gauff vs. Boisson wasn't much of a contest, as might be expected from their rankings and relative experience.

Then again, that didn't stop Boisson from eliminating both No. 3 Jessica Pegula and No. 6 Mirra Andrejeva en route to becoming the first woman since 1989 to get to the semifinals in her Grand Slam debut.

Loud as the crowd was, repeatedly singing Boisson's first name, Gauff's play spoke volumes, too, as she took 20 of the first 30 points for a 4-0 lead. That pattern held, and by the end, Gauff had claimed 34 of the 51 points that lasted at least five strokes.

Most remarkable about Sabalenka's win was the way she dominated in crunch time, racing through the last set.

"I mean, 6-love," she said. "What

can I say? Couldn't be more perfect than that."

Swiatek's explanation?

"I lost my intensity a bit," she said. "Just couldn't push back."

This stat says it all: The third set included 12 unforced errors off Swiatek's racket, and zero off Sabalenka's.

This continues a rough stretch for Swiatek, a 24-year-old from Poland, who hasn't reached a final at any tournament since walking away with her third trophy in a row — and fifth Grand Slam title overall — from Paris 12 months ago. She recently slid to No. 5 in the rankings.

Her rut includes a loss in the semifinals at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Later last season, she was suspended for a month after testing positive for a banned substance; her explanation was accepted that the result was caused by a contaminated medicine.

Sabalenka is, unquestionably, as good as it gets in women's tennis right now.

"She didn't doubt," Swiatek said. "She just went for it."

Even though Sabalenka broke in the first game and soon led 4-1 — at which point Swiatek was glancing up at her coach, Wim Fissette, in the stands, hoping for some sort of insight that could change things — this was not one-way traffic. Swiatek ended up leading 5-4 in that set, but when they got to the tie-breaker, Sabalenka asserted herself.

Did the same in the last set.

"It was a big match, and it felt like a final," said Sabalenka, who won the Australian Open twice and the U.S. Open once. "But I know that the job is not done yet."

Wilson Focused on Being a Leader for Giants

By DENNIS WASZAC Jr.
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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Russell Wilson knows he's not the future. Not at this point in his career. The New York Giants hope that'll be Jaxson Dart.

For now, though, Wilson is the No. 1 quarterback on the depth chart — and he fully expects to remain there when the season starts.

Still, all eyes during offseason practices are on Dart, the big-armed first-round draft pick from Mississippi.

"It doesn't change anything at all," Wilson said of his approach after the

Giants' sixth practice of organized team activities today. "I think the biggest thing is for me is just being my best every day, leading. I always think about just leading everybody, just leading every room, every moment, every time I get to step between the white lines and the opportunity of that."

New York signed the 36-year-old Wilson, who's entering his 14th season, in March to a one-year deal worth up to \$21 million with \$10.5 million guaranteed. The move gave the Giants a stop-gap option at quarterback, teaming with Jameis Winston and holdover Tommy DeVito.

But a month later, New York traded back into the first round of the draft and took Dart — giving the Giants a potential signal caller for the future.

"Jaxson's been great, man," Wilson said while speaking to reporters for the first time since the draft. "He's a great worker, great teammate. We're having fun, all of us. We have a really good quarterback room. Guys are so focused and working diligently every day. He's going to be an extremely, extremely good talent and everything else throughout his career."

For now, though, Dart is the student and Wilson very much the teacher. And the leader of the offense.

"I always share and I always think about communication," Wilson said. "I'm a big believer in communicating out loud, just, 'Here's what I'm thinking, here's what I'm saying.' You don't hold any information. I think that for us, it's always about us being the best that we can all be."

"And I think for me, when you have tremendous confidence in yourself, you have no problem sharing it with others. I think that's just how I've always believed."

Wilson, a 10-time Pro Bowl selection, helped Pittsburgh make the playoffs last season and threw for 2,482 yards with 16 touchdown passes and five interceptions and a 96.5 passer rating. But the Steelers lost five in a row at the end of the season, including in the wild-card playoffs against Baltimore.

The Steelers allowed Wilson to become a free agent and he joined the Giants with a chance to help turn around a franchise that went through a 3-14 season with

a revolving door at quarterback.

"It's been nice," wide receiver Wan'Dale Robinson said. "A guy that's been in this league a long time. He tells you exactly what he wants out there, running routes, and the spots he needs you to be in. So, it's been really, really nice."

Wilson might not be the dynamic playmaker he was while helping the Seahawks to a Super Bowl victory in 2014, but there's enough there to make the Giants optimistic about what he can do for them.

"I see a lot of things in Russ and things that I watched from afar for a long time — his time in Seattle, Denver, Pittsburgh, just the leadership, the command," offensive coordinator Mike Kafka said. "You see that on the field. I think the players are responding to it."

Wilson has also been trying to build chemistry with his new teammates, including throwing with several of them in the Atlanta area. Earlier this week, he gathered several of his offensive linemen, running backs and the other quarterbacks for a group dinner.

"We just had a good time, just tons of laughs and a good time together," Wilson said. "I think the fellowship of it all is the best part right now. Obviously, our work ethic and what we're doing in the field. But when it comes to just the tight-knit culture that we're continuing to build and continue to grow, and we want to have a championship football team, and in terms of our mentality and our approach and how we go about it."

"And it's not just the games, but it's everything that leads up to that. And that's the fun part about the game of football."

Alpine Adventure Run Wait List Open

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

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

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

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

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

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My son is a loving husband, father and son. He coaches his 12-year-old son, my grandson, in various sports and sometimes is just a spectator. I'm worried because he often berates his son's playing ability. He has yelled at him during and after games, whether he is coaching or not. He yelled and screamed at him in front of everyone and later at home.

I have told my son, to no avail, that it's OK to give constructive criticism but without the yelling. I also have told him how it crushes my grandson each time he does this. My daughter-in-law is also at a loss for how to change his behavior. My husband coached my son in sports when he was young and he was hard on him, too. I love my family dearly, but I don't know what to do in this situation. Abby, what do you think we should do? -- 'HEARTACHING' GRANDMA IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR GRANDMA: Your son may be a loving husband, but he could use some coaching as a father. Someone should point out to him that when a parent bullies a child about his poor athletic performance, it rarely produces a positive result. It makes him lose interest in the sport and damages the youth's self-esteem, and the effects can sometimes last a lifetime.

After your grandson has had enough of the verbal abuse, don't be shocked if he drops out of the sport. Your son should have learned from the terrible example his own father set that this kind of "coaching" usually doesn't produce the desired result. He should take out

his aggression elsewhere.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, my mom invited all of my family on an international trip during the month of October. One year ago, my sister called me asking if I could "cover some things" for her. When I agreed and asked why, she said she and our parents were going on the international trip four months early. I was shocked.

No one had said the departure date was being moved up. When I asked my other sister about it, she was also still under the impression we were going in October. When I brought it up to my mom, she got very defensive and said we were all invited to come. No, we were not! The plans changed, and only one sister and her family were included.

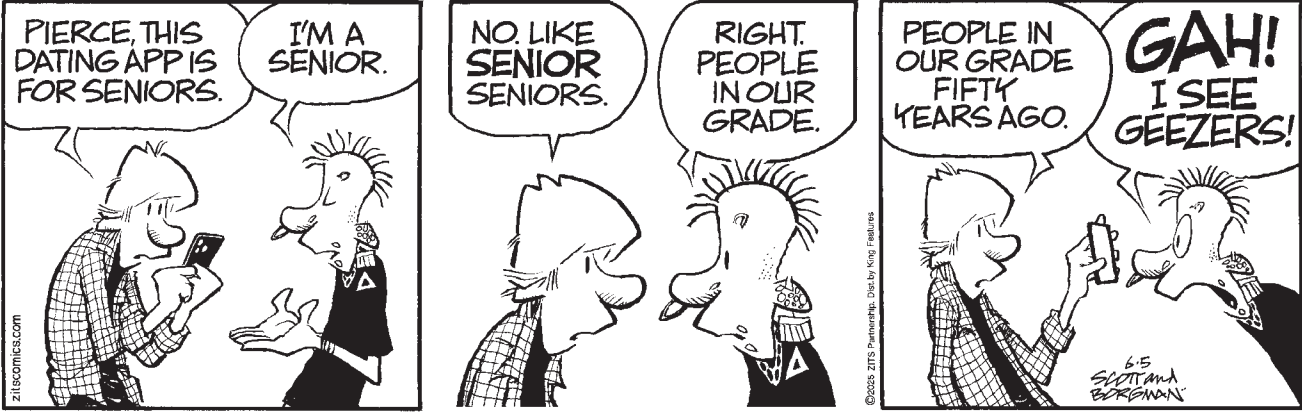
They are on the trip now, and I don't want any part of it. They are posting pictures to our family group chat, and I have decided not to look at them. I'm not sure how to move forward from here. I'm sad and frustrated over this, while they are pretending everything is fine. -- LEFT BEHIND IN COLORADO

DEAR LEFT: When your mother and sister return from that trip there needs to be a frank "family discussion" about what went wrong and why neither felt it was necessary to inform you that you and your other sister were excluded and why. Pretending something that happened never happened never works out, and if it isn't repaired, the fallout can be long-lasting.

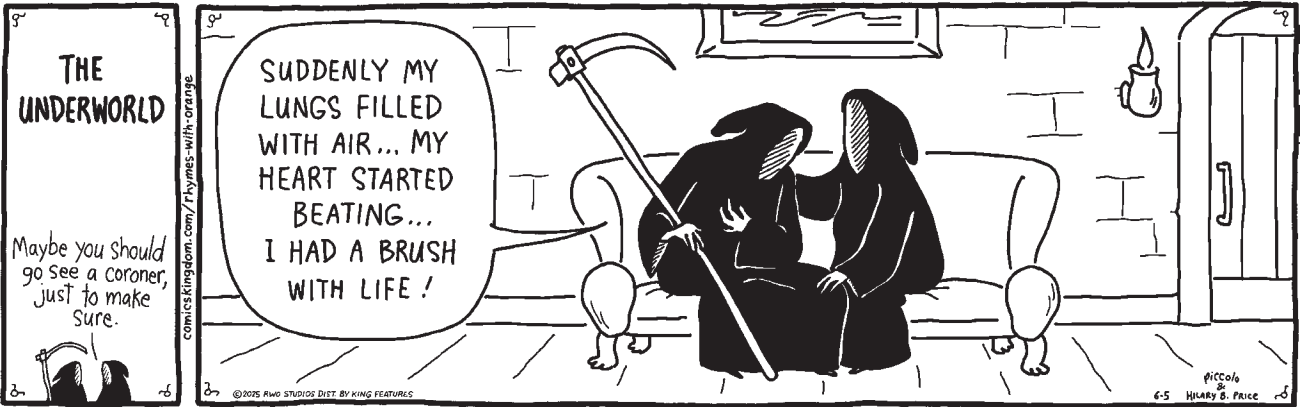
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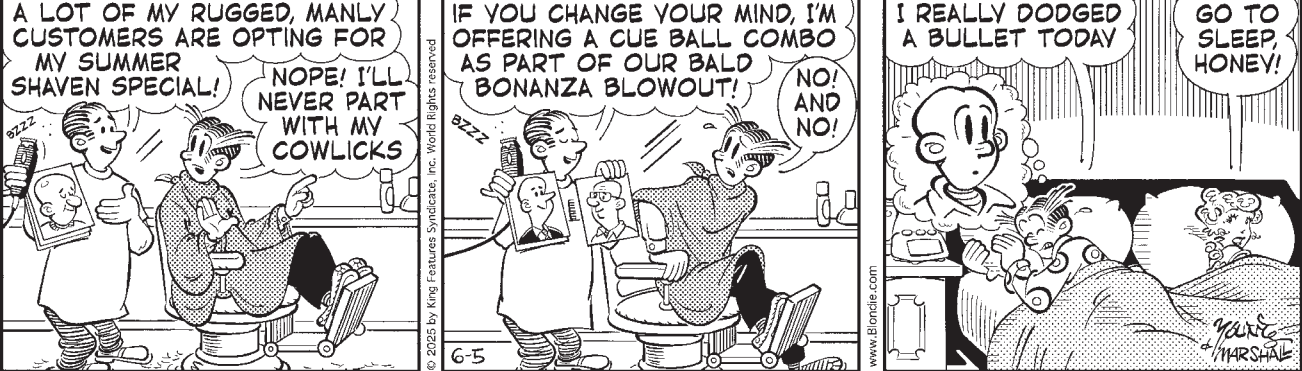
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Trump Says Let Russia, Ukraine Fight for Awhile

By SEUNG MIN KIM, KIRSTEN GRIESHABER, GEIR MOULSON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said today that it might be better to let Ukraine and Russia “fight for a while” before pulling them apart and pursuing peace, even as Germany’s new chancellor appealed to him as the “key person in the world” who could halt the bloodshed by pressuring Vladimir Putin.

In an Oval Office meeting with Chancellor Friedrich Merz, the U.S. president likened the war in Ukraine — which Russia invaded in February 2022 — to a fight between two children who hate each other. Trump said that with children, “sometimes you’re better off letting them fight for a while and then pulling them apart,” adding that he relayed the analogy to Putin in a call this week.

“I said, ‘President, maybe you’re going to have to keep fighting and suffering a lot,’ because both sides are suffering before you pull them apart, before they’re able to be pulled apart,” Trump said. “You see in hockey, you see it in sports. The referees let them go for a couple of seconds, let them go for a little while before you pull them apart.”

The comments were a remarkable detour from Trump’s often-stated appeals to stop the violence in Ukraine — and he again denounced the bloodshed Thursday even as he floated the

possibility that the two countries should continue the war for a time. Merz carefully sidestepped Trump’s assertions and emphasized that the U.S. and Germany both agree on “how terrible this war is,” while making sure to lay blame squarely on Putin for the violence and make the point that Germany was siding with Ukraine.

“We are both looking for ways to stop it very soon,” Merz said in the Oval Office. “I told the president before we came in that he is the key person in the world who can really do that now by putting pressure on Russia.”

Thursday’s meeting was the first time the two leaders sat down in person, and Merz left the public portion unscathed as he successfully avoided the kind of made-for-TV confrontation in the Oval Office that befell other world leaders such as Ukraine’s Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Cyril Ramaphosa, the president of South Africa. Trump and Merz began by exchanging pleasantries — Merz gave Trump a gold-framed birth certificate of the U.S. president’s grandfather Friedrich Trump, who emigrated to America from Kallstadt, Germany, and Trump called the chancellor a “very good man to deal with.”

“He’s difficult, I would say? Can I say that? It’s a positive. You wouldn’t want me to say you’re easy, right?” Trump said, gently ribbing Merz. “He’s a very great representative of Germany.”

Pot Sales . . .

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his concerns, though specific discussion about odors was held over for consideration of the next conditional use permit request, specifically dealing with on-site consumption.

The permit for marijuana sales was approved unanimously with the added condition requiring signage that clearly outlines local and state regulations about marijuana consumption.

On-Site Marijuana Consumption
In its consideration of the companion request to allow consumption of marijuana products at the 4509 Halibut Point Road facility, the Planning Commission’s primary concern was with the visibility of the consumption area and the dispersion of marijuana odors in the neighborhood.

Commission members disagreed on whether odors would be noticeable outside the permit area.

Planning and Community Development Director Amy Ainslie said there’s no technology to determine the level of offensive odors other than the “sniff test.”

Commission Chairman Darrell Windsor said that he’s “walked the neighborhood and doesn’t think [odors] will be a problem,” because of the proximity to the beach and the usual windy conditions at the site.

Commission member Wendy Alderson disagreed. “You will smell it. I know you will,” she said. “It’s really tough, because I want to see this happen, but I don’t know if I can wrap my head around this permeating smell of marijuana smoke in the neighborhood.”

Commission members generally agreed they’d be more comfortable with approving the permit if the smoking areas were an enclosed space, instead of open-air gazebos.

The permit was amended to require a ventilation and filtration system, and states that additional enclosures of the gazebos may be required, pending a site visit by the Planning Department.

Cancer Survivors Event Sunday

Sitka Cancer Survivors Society will celebrate survivors and their families at an event 2 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the Path of Hope behind Moller Field by the running track.

Refreshments will be served by Sitka Emblem Club 142. For more information call Carolyn Fredrickson at 907 623-7028.

June is Cancer Survivor Month.

2 Killed In Copter Crash On N. Slope

ANCHORAGE (AP) — A helicopter crash killed two people on Alaska’s remote North Slope on Wednesday, the National Transportation Safety Board said.

NTSB Alaska Chief Clint Johnson said the agency was notified of a missing helicopter Wednesday afternoon and found wreckage from a crash roughly 30 miles west of Deadhorse, news outlets reported.

The safety board is investigating. It said in a social media post that the helicopter was a Robinson R-66 that went down near the Kuparuk oil field.

No further information was immediately released.

In 2023, a helicopter carrying a pilot and three state workers crashed in a shallow lake in the North Slope region.



Marcelo Gomes da Silva, 18, center, a Massachusetts high school student who came to the U.S. from Brazil at age 7 and was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents May 31 speaks to journalists after being released from detention on bond as Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Mass., right, listens today in Burlington, Mass. (AP Photo/Rodrique Ngowi)

Judge Grants Bond for Student ICE Arrested

By LEAH WILLINGHAM
Associated Press

CHELMSFORD, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts high school student who was arrested by immigration agents on his way to volleyball practice has been released from custody after a judge granted him bond today.

Marcelo Gomes da Silva, 18, who came to the U.S. from Brazil at age 7, was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents Saturday. Authorities have said the agents were looking for the Milford High School teenager’s father, who owns the car Gomes da Silva was driving at the time and had parked in a friend’s driveway.

Speaking with members of the media outside the detention center shortly after his release on \$2,000 bond, Gomes da Silva described “humiliating” conditions and said his faith in God helped him through his six days of detention.

On his wrist, he wore a bracelet made from the thin sheet of metallic blanket he was given to sleep on the cement floor.

“I’ll always remember this place,” he said. “I’ll always remember how it was.”

His lawyer, Robin Nice, told reporters after the hearing in Chelmsford that his arrest “shouldn’t have happened in the first place. This is all a waste.”

“We disrupted a kid’s life. We just disrupted a community’s life,” Nice said. “These kids should be celebrating graduation and prom, I assume? They should be doing kid stuff, and it is a travesty and a waste of our judicial process to have to go through this.”

She said Gomes da Silva was confined to a room holding 25 to 35 men, many twice his age, most of the time he was detained, with no windows, no time outside and no permission to shower. He was able to brush his teeth twice. Nice said that at one point Gomes da Silva, who is active in his local church, asked for a Bible and was denied.

Gomes da Silva, who said his father taught him to “put other people first,” said many of the men imprisoned with him didn’t speak English and didn’t understand why they were there. He had to inform some of them that they were being deported, and then watched them break down in tears.

“I told every single inmate down there: When I’m out, if I’m the only one who was able to leave that place, I lost,” he said. “I want to do whatever I can to get them as much help as possible. If they have to be deported, so be it. But in the right way, in the right

School . . .

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To keep Alaska’s practice from running afoul of the U.S. Department of Education, the state must pass a pair of accounting tests intended to limit the financial gap between the state’s richest school districts and its poorest ones — called a federal equity test.

Alaska recently failed both tests, but rather than reduce the gap by increasing the amount of funding that goes to schools, the state proposed the opposite — limiting local governments’ ability to contribute.

Sen. Jesse Kiehl, D-Juneau, advised the school board to wait for the state to appeal the feds’ finding of a failed test. A prior failure was reversed on appeal.

School districts operate on a fiscal year that ends June 30, and the proposed change would have been retroactive to the current fiscal year, even though most school districts have already finalized their budgets.

Budget officials, testifying Wednesday, said that a last-minute change could result in cuts to programs and services. Department of Education officials, speaking during a school board work session on Tuesday, said the timing was necessary to reduce the chances that the state will fail the accounting tests in 2027, when the current year’s audited financial statements will be examined.

The board could pass the department’s proposed regulations after the end of the 30-day public comment period, or those comments could lead to revisions that would themselves be subject to new public comment. The board could also vote down the proposal or not take it up at all.

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Countries Pushing Back On Trump Travel Ban

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials in some of the 12 countries whose citizens will be soon banned from visiting the United States denounced President Donald Trump’s move to resurrect a hallmark policy of his first term and vowed Thursday to push back against the U.S.

The ban, which was announced Wednesday, takes effect at 12:01 a.m. Monday, a cushion that may avoid the chaos that unfolded at airports nationwide when a similar measure took effect with virtually no notice in 2017. Trump, who signaled plans for a new ban upon taking office again in January, appears to be on firmer ground this time after the Supreme Court sided with him.

The 12 countries — Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, the Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen — include some of the world’s poorest nations. Seven more countries — Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan and Venezuela — now face heightened travel restrictions.

In the central African nation of Chad, President Mahamat Deby Itno announced his country would respond by suspending visas to U.S. citizens “in accordance with the principles of reciprocity.”

In a post on Facebook, Deby noted that his nation, which faces widespread poverty, could offer no gifts, and he made a barely veiled reference to Qatar giving Trump a luxury Boeing 747 jet to use as Air Force One.

“Chad has no planes to offer, no billions of dollars to give but Chad has its dignity and pride,” Deby said.

Some other African countries were more conciliatory, with Sierra Leone’s information minister, Chernor Bah, saying the country “will work with U.S. authorities” to address the White House concerns.

Palmer Job Corps Center Closure Paused for Now

By AMY BUSHATZ
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PALMER — The residential Job Corps center in Palmer will remain open for now, with students continuing classes following a court order issued by a federal judge Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Andrew Carter in New York issued the temporary restraining order as part of a lawsuit alleging that a Department of Labor directive to shut down the program is illegal.

The restraining order blocks the government from removing Job Corps students, terminating jobs, or halting the contracts that operate about 100

what will be done with it.

“We are grateful for the selfless actions of the three nearby vessels who assisted in the response and the crew of motor vessel Cosco Hellas, who helped save 22 lives,” Dean said.

The 600-foot (183-meter) Morning Midas, a car and truck carrier, was built in 2006 and sails under a Liberian flag.

The cars left Yantai, China, on May 26, according to the industry site marinetraffic.com. They were being shipped to Lazaro Cardenas, a major Pacific port in Mexico.

Earlier this month, a Dutch safety board called for improving emergency response on North Sea shipping routes after a deadly 2023 fire on a freighter that was carrying 3,000 automobiles, including nearly 500 electric vehicles, from Germany to Singapore.

That fire killed one person, injured others and burned out of control for a week, and the ship was eventually towed to a port in the northern Netherlands for salvage.

Shrimp . . .

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He said that harvest has centered on the 13-B area, the southern portion of Section 13-A/B that includes the waters stretching approximately from Neva Strait to Cape Omni.

Fleet members are still adjusting to a recent season switch that follows with an Alaska Board of Fisheries ruling in 2022. The Board changed the shrimp fishery from a fall/winter season, which had been in effect since the mid-1990s, to a spring/summer season. This is the third such spring/summer season.

A preseason memo from ADF&G states that “the goal of the season change is to rebuild the SEAK shrimp pot fishery to a sustainable level.”

“Over the last two decades, guideline harvest levels (GHLs) have been cut and areas closed resulting in an annual harvest less than half of what it was in the late 1990s and early 2000s,” states the memo. “In addition, there have been recruitment failures observed in several of the surveyed areas in recent years.”

The memo states that, for the first

Some of the 12 countries were on the banned list in Trump’s first term. North Korea and Syria, which were on the list in the first administration, were spared this time.

While many of the listed countries send few people to the United States, Haiti, Cuba and Venezuela had been major sources of immigration in recent years.

Trump tied the new ban to Sunday’s flamethrower attack in Boulder, Colorado, saying it underscored the dangers posed by some visitors who overstay visas. The suspect is from Egypt, which is not on Trump’s restricted list. The Department of Homeland Security says he overstayed a tourist visa.

The travel ban results from a Jan. 20 executive order Trump issued requiring government agencies to compile a report on “hostile attitudes” toward the U.S. and whether entry from certain countries represented a national security risk.

Visa overstays
Trump said some countries had “deficient” screening for passports and other public documents or have historically refused to take back their own citizens. He relied extensively on an annual Homeland Security report of people who remain in the U.S. after their visas expired.

Measuring overstay rates has challenged experts for decades, but the government has made a limited attempt annually since 2016. Trump’s proclamation cites overstay rates for eight of the 12 banned countries.

It’s not always clear, though, why some countries are on the list while others are not.

Trump’s list captures many of the most egregious overstay offenders, but it omits many others. Djibouti, for example, had a 23.9% overstay rate among business visitors and tourists in the year through September 2023, higher than seven countries on the banned list and six on the restricted list.

Job Corps centers nationwide. Any shutdown must first gain approval from Congress, the order states. The program is currently funded through June 2026, Job Corps officials said.

A hearing in the case is scheduled for June 17 in New York, according to the court order. The suit was filed Monday by the National Job Corps Association, several Job Corps contractors and a student enrolled at a Job Corps center in New York.

The U.S. Department of Labor announced a nationwide “pause” for the program last week, effectively ordering an end to all operations. Students were to be sent home, staff laid off and centers closed by the end of the month, according to the announcement.

The Don Young Job Corps Center in Palmer opened in 1994 and currently serves 160 students between the ages of 16 and 24, most of whom live on the 19-acre campus. About 80% of the program’s students come from rural Alaska villages, where no similar educational programs are available, officials there said. Job Corps students earn high school diplomas, receive technical training or both.

The Palmer program employs about 110 people and is operated under a contract with the Chugach Corp, officials said. It is the only Job Corps location in Alaska.

The Labor Department said it wants to halt the program because it is expensive to operate at about \$80,000 per student and has a low graduation rate.

Officials at the Palmer center said their location costs about \$37,000 per student and had a completion rate of about 70% last year. The Chugach contract is valued at about \$9 million annually, they said.

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