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END OF THE STORY?

Clock is ticking on Cordova's 108-year-old newspaper

NVE in talks with potential owner; Tribe hopes to hand off newspaper after July 8 edition

BY ANNETTE POTTER
For The Cordova Times

This may be the penultimate edition of The Cordova Times. Native Village of Eyak has owned the 108-year-old newspaper since April 2016. Tribal Council an-

nounced in February of this year that owning the newspaper no longer fit with the Tribe's long-term goals.

"We decided that we had far too many things spreading us too thin and have a hope that others can take up

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CELEBRATING THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY



Photo by Jane Spencer/for The Cordova Times

Participants walked down Main Street in celebration of Cordova's first Pride parade on Saturday, June 25, 2022..

CORDOVA HAS PRIDE

Community collaboration leads to colorful show of celebration and support

BY JANE SPENCER
For the Cordova Times

Over 100 people participated and showed their support during Cordova's first ever Pride parade on Saturday, June 25. Pride is celebrated nationwide, during the month of June, and the rainbow flag is an icon in Pride celebrations, the colors represent-

ing the diversity of the LGBTQ community.

The mood was festive as parade-goers marched up and down Main Street, happily cheering and waving rainbow flags, and a celebratory gathering took place on the Grassy Field of Hollis Henrichs Park afterward. There

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Cordova LGBTQ+ Support group

Cordova has a support group for members of the LGBTQ+ community and their families. For more information, contact Erin Brennan at Cordova Community Medical Center at ebrennan@cdvcmc.com or 541-647-2008

SALMON UPDATE

PWS harvest soars above 9M fish

Retail prices dropping as statewide catch exceeds 16M salmon

BY MARGARET BAUMAN
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Commercial harvesters in the Prince William Sound region delivered upwards of 371,340 salmon through Tuesday, June 28, while the statewide preliminary harvest exceeded 16 million fish, including deliveries in Bristol Bay, Cook Inlet, Kodiak and the Alaska Peninsula.

Harvests reached almost 8% above year-to-date 2021 (2020 for pinks), led

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AFTER \$400M IN VETOES

Spending rises, but so does savings, in state budget signed by Dunleavy

\$14.4B document is the sixth-largest in state history

BY JAMES BROOKS
Alaska Beacon

Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy has signed a \$14.4 billion state budget, the sixth-largest in state history, after vetoing about \$400 million from a proposal passed by the Alaska Legislature this spring.

With Alaska expecting a multibillion-dollar surge in oil revenue due to high prices caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine, spending is up by \$2.7 billion when compared to the budget passed by

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AROUND TOWN

Old Time 4th of July Celebration, Senior Salmon Day, Salmon Jam

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

Make the Around Town list! Email share@thecordovatimes.com with the following info:

- Event title
- Time, date, and location of event
- Name of group or person organizing the event
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- Contact info to be included in the listing

Old Time 4th of July Celebration
The Cordova Chamber of Commerce announced its annual Old Time 4th of July Celebration will begin at noon Monday, July 4, at Hollis Henrichs Park. This Cordova classic will include a host of fun activities and competitions, food vendors, an Artisan Market, and live folk music. Everyone is invited to attend this free event from noon-3 p.m.

Smokin’ Aces Fireworks
Open for the season at 5.2-mile Copper River Highway from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and noon to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Senior Salmon Day
Cordova District Fishermen United will hold its annual Senior Salmon Day 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, at the Union Hall on Main Street. CDFU will share donated fillets of wild Alaska salmon with seniors aged 60 years and older.

Copper River Salmon Jam
This year’s Copper River Salmon Jam festival will be a weeklong event from July 11-16, with events spread out around Cordova. Festival events will include: Alaska Salmon Runs Races, Small Fry Kids’ Activities, Salmon Jam Rock Garden, Dumpster Painting, Taste of Cordova Community Potluck, Artisan Market and live music by local acts around town throughout the week. The festival will culminate with live music at Ski Hill on Friday and Saturday night performed by local musicians and the headliner, Zen Trembles. For more information head to salmonjam.org.

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SALMON JAM

Don your smocks for Cordova’s annual dumpster painting

Plus, Salmon Jam is seeking artists to sell at the festival’s artisan market

BY CHRISTIANA FINCHER
For The Cordova Times

Q: What makes Cordova so special?
A: Art on every street corner!

It’s that time of year, folks: Salmon Jam is coming up, which means it’s time to put on your smocks and paint a dumpster!

Work as a team or alone to turn a blank dumpster canvas into a beautiful work of art that will keep a smile on Cordovans’ faces through the dark winter months. Reserve your dumpster or bearproof trash can on the Salmon Jam website at salmonjam.org/get-involved. And don’t forget to thank Cordova’s refuse and parks and rec workers who, in partnership with Cordova Arts & Pageants, prep the dumpsters and bear-proof trash cans and help make this event happen.

Artisan Market

If you’re a maker, Cordova Arts & Pageants is seeking artists to sell handicrafts at this year’s Salmon Jam artisan market. The market will take place Friday, July 15, from 6-9 p.m., and Saturday, July 16, from 3-10 p.m.

Applications are now open and can be found at salmonjam.org/market. The deadline to complete the application is July 5.

There is a booth fee of \$75 which includes two Salmon Jam weekend passes for the art-



Photo courtesy of Teal Barmore/Copper River Salmon Jam
Amber Wasson paints a dumpster during a past Salmon Jam.

ist and one helper. This fee goes toward supporting yearround cultural and arts education programs in Cordova.

One lucky vendor will be voted “Best in Show” by their fellow vendors and rewarded a free booth rental at next year’s Salmon Jam.

Artists, creators, and painters: UNITE!

Christiana Fincher is a Salmon Jam volunteer.

CRUISING IN



ABOVE: Visitors to Cordova from the M/V Roald Amundsen cruise ship return to their vessel after spending the afternoon looking around the streets of Cordova. This was the second visit of the cruise operator this summer and the weather was overcast and damp, unlike the previous sunny visit.

LEFT: The cruise ship M/V Roald Amundsen at anchor in front of Orca Lodge on a grey and misty evening.

Photos by David Little/
for The Cordova Times




NEW ROOF FOR ST. GEORGE’S

PHOTOS BY DAVID LITTLE
for The Cordova Times


The St. George Episcopal Church building undergoes a roof replacement June 28, 2022, just in time, as the current roof of cedar shakes was starting to leak in places. Originally built in 1919, this is the oldest church edifice in Cordova.



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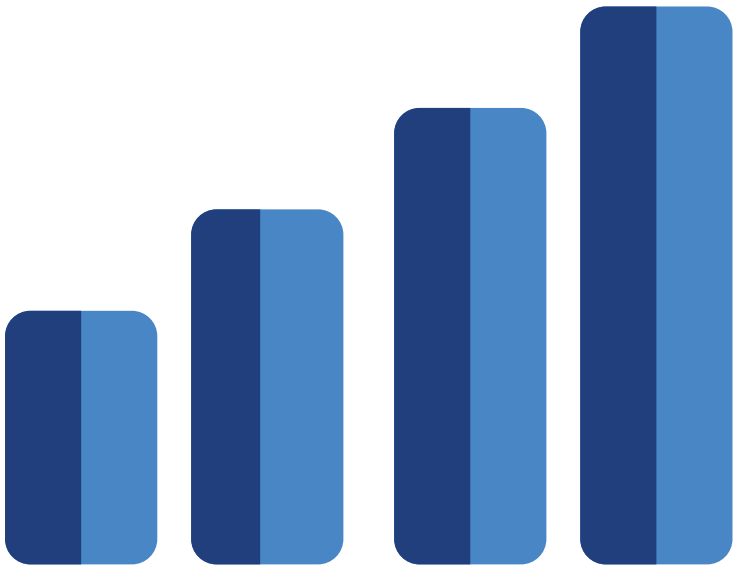
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EDUCATION PROJECT

EVOSTC funded project focused on public access to scientific information

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

A five-year, \$12.5 million scientific support effort funded by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council aims to coordinate scientific outreach between six entities, which engaging regional youth in STEM fields, and sustain learning opportunities and internships.

The funds are going to six organizations located in the region impacted by the Exxon Valdez oil spill, including the Alaska SeaLife Center, Alaska Sea Grant, Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository, Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies, Chugach Regional Resources Commission, and Prince William Sound Science Center, collaborating as the Community Organized Restoration and Learning Network.

The plan is to create multiple pathways for participation including a network website, community sharing, cultural and communication competency learning opportunities, community science and outreach resources, and internships.

“The Prince William Sound Science Center is excited to collaborate with our CORaL Network partners,” said Katrina Hoffman, president and chief executive officer of PWSSC. “This community-centered network will foster new connections between scientists, educators, and people throughout the spill-affected region and will lead to scientific outreach that is co-created and culturally responsive.”

April Laktonen Counciller executive director of the Alutiiq Museum, said internships are a key part of the project.

“As a Native organization, we are especially looking forward to the opportunity to mentor young people in heritage preservation,” Counciller said. “Students will have valuable opportunities to work beside our



Hunter Simeonoff, a summer intern at the Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak, participates in excavations of the Nunalleq site on Kodiak Island.

professional staff and to learn about archaeology, collections care, and public outreach. This work will build cultural competence and pride in students of all heritages.”

“In direct response to our tribal member’s concerns, the network will coordinate regular meetings between local elders, community members, scientists, educators, and outreach specialists where tribes most impacted by the spill will be given the opportunity to collaborate to ensure science

and communities are mutually informed by co-created knowledge,” said Willow Hetrick, executive director of Chugach Regional Resources Commission.

Wei Ying Wong, chief science and education officer of the Alaska SeaLife Center, said there is immense potential for an active, collaborative, cross-sector network to positively impact ecosystems and communities that continue to be affected by the 1989 oil spill.

PREVENT WILDFIRES

USFS offers advice on fire prevention

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

Warm summer weather brings an increased danger of wildfires to Alaska, and the U.S. Forest Service is asking everyone to take steps to prevent such incidents from occurring.

Those out on day trips or longer are asked to keep close eyes on campfires, to be sure such fires are made on soil or rock surface and not on muskeg.

To keep them from turning into wildfires, they should be in places clear of nearby fuels, such as overhanging branches, dry grass or leaves. In developed areas, campfires should always be built in established fire pits or within a metal or rock-ring. To douse these fires, drown all embers with plenty of water and when ready to leave, stir the coals and pour more water over them. Remember if the fire is too hot to touch, it is not out.

Consider alternative to a campfire, such as a portable camp stove.

Homeowners can help by reducing brush, debris and other flammable materials around their home and other structures.

Smoking materials, including cigarette butts, and ashes, should be put into non-flammable containers.

Be sure all off-road vehicles have proper functioning catalytic converters or approved spark arresters.

Home burn piles should be in an area clear of combustible materials and a good distance from trees, to prevent fire from spreading.

Keep track of fires in the area, should it be necessary to evacuate.

A list of active wildfires is on the Alaska Wildland Fire Information website, akfire-info.com.



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Editorial cartoon by Chuck Legge

COMMENTARY

State sells ferry Malaspina to Dunleavy supporters for a song

BY DERMOT COLE

For The Cordova Times

The Dunleavy administration took the ferry Malaspina out of service two-and-a-half years ago.

The ferry, built in 1963, needed at least \$16 million in steel work and Gov. Mike Dunleavy refused to seek funds from the Legislature or maintain the vessel. To no one’s surprise, the deterioration got worse when the state mothballed the ship.

The state has now sold the Malaspina to political supporters of Dunleavy for \$128,250. The pattern of neglect that led to this situation needs to be examined as Alaska prepares for the gubernatorial election in November.

The Dunleavy administration concocted this bonehead press release that treats the debacle as good management of state resources. The head of the ferry system even boasts about how much the state has learned about disposing of ships.

Sidelineing the Malaspina was in keeping with Dunleavy’s efforts to dismantle the ferry system that began immediately after his election in 2018.

Before the election, Dunleavy told the Ketchikan Daily News, “There is no plan to hack, cut or destroy the marine highway system.”

After the election, he began to hack, cut and destroy the ferry system.

He stood silently by as Donna Arduin, his budget mastermind, complained about the cost of moving cars on highways compared to ferries, never correcting her to mention the lack of highways in most places served by the ferry system.

Dunleavy and Arduin talked of selling ferries, abandoning routes, reducing the number of sailings and cutting the budget by 75 percent.

By the fall of 2019, Arduin was gone, and Dunleavy was on the run from the recall, but he went ahead with the plan to park the Malaspina and reduce ferry service.

The state docked the ferry at a private dock seven miles north of Ketchikan, owned

by the Ward Cove group, paying \$402,084 a year for storage. With insurance and other costs, the state was paying \$75,000 a month for the decaying ship, according to a report by CoastAlaska.

The Ward Cove Group, which contracts with the state to hold mothballed vessels, is owned by the Spokely family in Ketchikan. The Ward Cove Dock Group, which is developing the property, is owned by David and Andrew Spokely of Ketchikan and the Binkley family of Fairbanks. Each family owns half of the enterprise.

“We want to incorporate the history of what the pulp mill meant to the region and redevelop it as a new economic center that’s focusing on the major growing industry in southern Southeast, which is tourism,” Ryan Binkley, owner of the Anchorage Daily News, said in 2019.

The group is developing a \$50 million project at Ward Cove with Norwegian Cruise Lines that the cruise ship giant hopes will be a Southeast mainstay for at least 30 years.

David Spokely led a group that crowned Dunleavy and Lt. Gov. Kevin Meyer the “Alaska Dream Team,” while John Binkley announced plans in early 2020 to start his own group opposing Dunleavy’s recall.

You start your own group opposing the recall, when an established anti-recall group already exists, to curry favor with the target of the recall and to distance yourself from whatever the Anchorage Daily News might publish that could irritate Dunleavy.

The close cooperation of the Dunleavy administration has been critical to the Ward Cove Dock Group project to take an EPA Superfund site, former home of the Ketchikan Pulp Co. mill, and make it a major tourist attraction. The site remains on the EPA superfund list, though Norwegian Cruise Lines suggests to customers that the pollution is all in the past.

One sign of that close cooperation with the Dunleavy administration is this bizarre proclamation issued by the state Department of Environmental Conservation prais-

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COMMENTARY

Dunleavy’s final budget full of unnecessary cuts, empty promises

BY BILL WALKER

For The Cordova Times

ANCHORAGE – Gov. Mike Dunleavy signed his final budget into law, Tuesday, June 28, a series of unnecessary and harmful cuts that remind Alaskans of his ideologically driven desire to hack essential programs and services that took generations to build up.

While the state of Alaska is experiencing a boom in revenue associated with high oil prices and an influx of federal infrastructure money, Dunleavy made cuts to K-12 schools, the University of Alaska, the court system, funding that would support seniors and people with disabilities, and overdue maintenance for infrastructure around the state that would create good jobs.

Dunleavy could not find a single cut in his own office’s budget while he was swinging a hatchet everywhere else. Over the past four years, the Office of the governor’s spending has grown from \$28.3 million to \$36.3 million: an astounding 28 percent increase.

Finally, Dunleavy ran for governor on a single plank: to painlessly deliver a \$6,700 dividend in his first year in his office and a statutory PFD every year he is in power. He failed, once again this year, because the math simply does not pencil out.

Candidate Dunleavy ran on a false promise of paying a \$6,700 PFD without causing any pain or harm to our economy. That check bounced once again this year, as Gov. Dunleavy continues to come up short on the core promises he made to get elected. Worse still, at the same time he was slashing funds for schools, grants to support elders and people with disabilities, and our university system, he was giving friends pay raises, signing contracts with supporters, and ballooning his own office budget by 28 percent.

“Today, I’m reminded of one line in particular that came up after Mike Dunleavy’s first attempt to decimate our state in 2019: Show me your budget, and I’ll show you your values,” said Heidi Drygas, who is running as his lieutenant governor running mate. “With this budget, Dunleavy showed us his values once again. Despite the availability of funds to support these services, he made unnecessary and harmful cuts to K-12 schools, the university system, public safety, grants to support seniors and people with disabilities, public radio, and investments in our crumbling infrastructure. To add insult to injury, he eliminated healthcare for 800 blue-collar workers. Mike Dunleavy will never understand what it means to be Alaskan.”

Former Alaska Gov. Bill Walker, with Heidi Drygas, as his running mate, is running as an independent as he seeks another term as governor of Alaska.



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NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Alaska Statute 29.45.440 of expiration of redemption period for the below properties on which Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure was entered on July 20, 2021, in favor of the City of Cordova, for unpaid 2019 property taxes (Case No. 3AN-20-05266-CI).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TIME IN WHICH SUCH PROPERTIES MAY BE REDEEMED WILL EXPIRE MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022, AT 5 P.M.

If the delinquent 2019-year real property taxes and/or special assessments, along with penalties, interest, and costs, on the properties subject to the foregoing judgment are not redeemed prior to the expiration of the redemption period, then all properties ordered sold under the judgment, unless redeemed, shall be deeded to the municipality immediately on expiration of the period of redemption and every right or interest of a person in the properties will be forfeited forever to the City of Cordova. Redemption payments may be made at the office of the City Clerk and all amounts owing must be PAID IN FULL BY CASH, CASHIER’S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER made payable to the City of Cordova; personal checks will not be accepted.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY

Don't let solar installers take advantage of you

BY ROSEANN FREITAS
For The Cordova Times

Current Federal Tax Incentives for installing solar energy for your home will wind down in the coming years, so you may be looking to take advantage now and reap those benefits. But that doesn't mean you should rush to hire a solar installer for your home.

When looking to install solar for your home the Better Business Bureau has a few words of advice to ensure your system is installed as clean as the energy it produces.

Identify Certified Contractors

Ethical, all-encompassing certifications are commonplace in the trades. Renewable energy is no different, and that's why you should be asking prospective solar contractors if their technicians are North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) certified.

The Colorado Solar & Storage Association (COSSA) says, "Installers should be 'NABCEP Certified', which is a 'gold standard' of certification. NABCEP certified practitioners

have met the required levels of education and experience, passed a rigorous competency exam, and abide by a strict code of ethics. Many installers will also be licensed electricians."

Consult with Multiple Installers

As the consumer, you will always want to secure multiple quotes from at least three vendors before deciding which to contract with. When speaking with different vendors, ensure each one understands exactly what you are looking to achieve, and all are quoting for the same size job to keep it consistent and fair. For example, if you opt to add a solar storage system when speaking with the second vendor, perhaps the first vendor did not quote appropriately for that.

When requesting quotes, you will want to know how much energy your home needs to keep the lights on, keep the food chilled, and charge your myriad of devices. Look at the last twelve months of your energy bill, how many kilowatt-hours have been used each month? Analyzing a twelve-month period is important as the kilowatt-hours used will

fluctuate depending on the seasons. If you are not able to install the required number of solar panels to power your home during those extremely hot or cold months, you may want to install a larger battery to store excess energy generated during low-demand periods throughout each day. Expanding your family soon? You should take this into account by projecting a percentage increase in energy needs.

Compare all quotes and understand your financing option for the long run. Also, be sure to ask about warranties should there be any performance issues down the road. Solar panels can easily last decades, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't have a warranty. A reputable company will offer you an equipment warranty, usually lasting 10 to 12 years, and a performance warranty that should last up to 25 years.

How old is your roof?

Speaking of the future, how much more life does your roof have? Solar panels covering the majority of your roof can make shingle replacement quite the undertaking. Howard Lamb, Founder of Sunergy Systems

Inc in Seattle, WA, a BBB Accredited Business, says his team asks, "When was your roof last replaced?" during the initial phone consultation with a customer. This is to better understand if now is the right time to install solar for that customer. Mr. Lamb aims to be transparent and upfront with the consumer. This includes asking them to sign a document that breaks down the current condition of their roof before installation proceeds, so the consumer is aware of what work may be needed down the line.

Trusted Organizations are Here to Help

Lastly, always do your research. Solar installation is a pricy investment, so it is imperative you take the extra time in understanding the pros, cons, and exactly who you hire. You can visit websites like BBB.org and your state's solar or renewable energy association to see if the solar company is a member of and aligns with those organizations' ethical standards.

Roseann Freitas is the public relations and communications manager for the Better Business Bureau in Honolulu.

MALASPINA

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ing Spokely and Binkley for the Ward Cove Dock project and what they did to get past the "stigma" of the Superfund designation.

Three months after the state sidelined the Malaspina, Rep. Louise Stutes told CoastAlaska, the Southeast news consortium, that it appeared the Dunleavy administration had written off the Malaspina.

"Clearly they have no intent of running that vessel again," Stutes said in early 2020. "It's inconceivable to see the dereliction that has occurred in the maintenance of these vessels, and I don't know how to refer to it in any other capacity. That captains are frustrated. The engineers are frustrated. The crews are frustrated. They're abandoning ship. Literally."

CoastAlaska has provided the best reporting on the Malaspina, mainly the work of Jacob Resneck, who has since left Alaska for a job in Wisconsin.

Resneck reported a year ago on June 22, 2021 "that the decision to do a cold layup went against the advice of union engineers who said without a regular maintenance crew the ship would deteriorate. Freezing temperatures led to some minor flooding

in staterooms and a fact-finding tour by coastal lawmakers and aides reported it was clear there was no intention of the ship being used again."

Meadow Bailey, then a public relations employee of the transportation department, denied that a decision had been made on the future of the Malaspina and said, "if the vessel is needed in the future it can be returned to service."

But the state was not keeping the Malaspina shipshape for a possible return to service.

On June 1, 2022, the Dunleavy administration finally admitted that there had never been a plan to repair the Malaspina or operate it again.

The Dunleavy administration now says, contradicting previous claims, that it parked the ship in 2019 "when it became clear she would not sail again for AMHS due to the cost of repairs and the advanced age of the ship."

It's not clear when the state decided that it wanted to give the ship away, but on May 20, 2021, Dunleavy said the Philippines could have it for free, as CoastAlaska reported at the time.

"This vessel is surplus to our fleet, is in need of some repairs, but does have some service life left," Dunleavy wrote. "We would

be willing to provide the vessel to the Philippine government or to a private ferry company in the Philippines free of charge."

The Philippines did not take up Dunleavy on the offer.

In February this year, the Dunleavy administration said it had received an offer from an unnamed U.S. company for the ship and solicited letters of interest from others. It received four letters.

The administration chose to sell the ferry to a Spokely-Binkley LLC owned by the Ward Cove Dock Group, the 50/50 partnership between the Spokely and the Binkley family.

John Binkley's letter of interest offering to buy the Malaspina highlighted the idea that it would be a way to preserve the history of the marine highway system. He said they would like to create a museum on the ship.

Binkley did not mention using the ship as employee housing and for housing the employees of other companies, but said they would look for "additional ways" to generate revenue.

On March 14, the state said it had started negotiations with the LLC owned by the Ward Cove Dock Group and stressed the plan to make the ship a museum and showcase history, never suggesting it was to be used for housing workers.

The resulting news coverage said the Malaspina could be reborn as a museum for the Alaska Marine Highway System.

On June 1, the state announced that it had sold the Malaspina to the Spokely-Binkley group for \$128,250.

The state press release said the ship would become the "centerpiece of a historic park." Something that had not been mentioned in the letter of interest topped the list of priorities — worker housing.

"Mr. Binkley's vision of keeping the Malaspina as a historic centerpiece allows the beloved ship to stay in Alaska and serve a useful purpose as worker housing and a potential maritime museum, and hopefully a training platform for students working towards a career in the maritime industry," the state said.

On Sunday, the Anchorage Daily News quoted John Binkley as saying that the 280 beds on the Malaspina could be a "small part" of providing a housing solution for Ketchikan.

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HONORING EGAN

Former State Sen. Dennis Egan passes away

Stutes: He was a statesman who put Alaskans, the community of Juneau, and his constituents first

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

Legislators are paying tribute to former State Sen. Dennis Egan, D-Juneau, son of former Gov. Bill Egan, who passed away on Monday, June 28, at the age of 75. Egan, a former mayor of Juneau, represented Juneau in the Alaska Senate from April 19, 2009, to Jan. 15, 2019. “Dennis had a quick wit and unique sense of humor that put people at ease and fostered bi-partisan cooperation in the Capitol Building,” said Speaker of the House Louise Stutes, R-Kodiak, said. “Moreover, he was a statesman who put Alaskans, the

community of Juneau, and his constituents first. His loss will be deeply felt but his legacy will never be forgotten.” “Dennis was one of the funniest people I could ever hope to have worked alongside,” said Sen. Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak. “His sense of humor provided great levity to stressful situations in the Capitol. Dennis’ love and dedication to Alaska, Juneau and her residents was always apparent as he stepped forward to serve. I am so glad he was able to participate in the recent bust unveiling of his father, former Governor Bill Egan. We’ve lost another piece of Alaska’s history, today.” Dennis Egan was born in 1947, when Alaska was a territory to Governor Bill and First Lady Neva Egan. He served in the Alaska Army National Guard’s 910th Engineer Company from 1967-1974. Egan was elected to the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, served

two terms as deputy mayor, and was later appointed to mayor. He was reelected as mayor of Juneau in 1995 and 1997. Egan was appointed to the State Senate in 2009 and served until 2019. “Senator Egan always put Alaskans first and party a distant second,” said Senate President Peter Micciche, R-Soldotna. “He was a mentor to me early in my career and taught me two things I will never forget and that still serve me today; the correct timing and selective use of expletives and how to bring people together. No matter the obstacle or the situation, Dennis brought people together with blunt humor as he worked on solutions benefitting Alaskans. His legacy of public service will continue to inspire Alaska’s leaders for generations.” Gov. Mike Dunleavy has ordered that the state and U.S. flags fly at half-staff at a date to be announced, in honor of the former state senator.

RESEARCH AWARD

PKS Consulting wins federal research contract

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

PKS Consulting Inc. has been awarded a \$125,000 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) contract to design a PET plastics waste recycler capable of locally producing recycled plastic brick from plastic ocean wastes. PET, or polyethylene terephthalate is a clear, strong, lightweight and 100% recyclable plastic being retrieved in large quantities from oceans and bound for oceans. PKS Consulting’s president Patrick Simpson, who was born and raised in Cordova, said the contract was funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture. This project fits within a larger portfolio of Simpson’s

ongoing plastics recycling efforts. “In a prior Phase I EPA SBIR, we designed two modules for processing POW/OBP: a Polymer Preparation Module for sorting, cleaning, grinding, and drying plastic; and a Recycled Plastic Lumber Production (RPL) module that converts Polyethylene (HDPE/LDPE), Polypropylene (PP), and Polyamide (Nylon) into RPL,” Simpson said. “However, Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) is not being used. We propose to utilize this PET as feedstock in the production of solid plastic bricks that can be used for light construction.” The Palmer, Alaska-based manufacturing firm Triverus, LLC, is part of the all-Alaska Development team for the project. Triverus produces sophisticated mobile

cleaning systems that are deployed worldwide by the U.S. Navy. “We are excited to be working with PKS Consulting on this effort,” said Hans Vogel, president and chief executive officer of Triverus. “We feel this mobile plastic ocean waste recycler design will be able to immediately leverage our core capabilities in design, engineering, and production.” Simpson noted that bricks are an essential construction material used extensively for construction of structural and boundary walls as well as road and sidewalk construction. This project will fully explore all the possible uses of a recycled plastic brick alternative for these applications, focusing on locally relevant applications in the Alaska market, he said.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Commerce Department appoints two to NPFMC

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

U.S. Department of Commerce officials have announced the appointment of Angela Drobica and reappointment of Nicole Kimball to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, which partners with NOAA Fisheries to manage marine fishery resources for the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. Each year the Secretary of Commerce appoints approximately one-third of the total 72 appointed members to the eight regional councils. The secretary selects members from nominations submitted by the governors of fishing states, territories, and tribal governments. Angela “Angel” Drobica, of Juneau, of the Aleutian Pribilof Island Development Association, chairs the council’s Advisory Panel. She will fill the seat of Cora Campbell, president and chief executive officer of Silver Bay Seafoods. Nicole Kimball, of Anchorage, is a council member, is a vice president of the Pacific Seafood Processors Association in Seattle. Drobica and Kimball were nominated in March by Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy. The two women were among 20 new and returning members of regional federal fishery management councils whose appointments were announced on Monday, June 27. The councils, established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, are responsible for developing region-specific fishery management plans that safeguard and enhance the nation’s fisheries resources. Council members represent diverse groups, including commercial and recreational fishing industries, environmental organizations, and academia. They are vital to fulfilling the act’s requirements to end overfishing, rebuild fish stocks, and manage them sustainably, Commerce Department officials said.

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BUDGET

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the governor and lawmakers last year.

That increase is less than the rise in revenue, and the state is poised to end a decade-long streak of years in which it needed to spend from savings in order to balance the budget.

“In the end, we think this is a great budget for the state of Alaska,” Dunleavy said.

Asked whether the size of the budget makes the state vulnerable if oil prices fall, Dunleavy said most of the increases are one-time payments rather than a rise in annual expenses.

Because the budget includes about \$3.6 billion in mechanisms to save money for future years, “we believe that we would be able to fund another year of government, even if the price of oil went down into the \$30s (per barrel) or high \$20s,” Dunleavy said.

Combined state-dollars spending on the operating budget is \$4.8 billion, up from \$4.6 billion in Dunleavy’s first budget, and former Gov. Bill Walker — now an independent candidate running against Dunleavy — issued a critical statement noting that the budget for the office of the governor has risen 28% during that period. The governor’s budget accounts for less than \$40 million.

Walker and eight others are running against Dunleavy in this year’s election for governor. Dunleavy is seeking re-election.

Though some state legislators were disappointed by individual vetoes, Speaker of the House Louise Stutes, R-Kodiak, and Senate Minority Leader Tom Begich, D-Anchorage, each were positive about the outcome.

“Alaska can move forward with this budget,” Begich said.

“At a preliminary review, the FY23 budget has something in it for every Alaskan. More importantly, this was done with no new taxes and a significant amount of funds put into our savings accounts,” said members of the House’s Republican minority in a joint statement.

Among the budget’s biggest line items are a combined \$2.1 billion to pay a Permanent Fund dividend and energy relief check whose combined value is estimated to be



Gov. Mike Dunleavy speaks at a June 28 press conference in Anchorage on this Fiscal 2023 budget to go into effect on July 1.

about \$3,200 per recipient.

The precise amount of the payout — which will be determined by the number of recipients — has yet to be determined, and the governor said he expects to announce a payout date “probably in the next week.”

The dividend has traditionally been paid in October, but Dunleavy ordered the 2020 dividend to be paid early, and Democratic members of the Alaska Senate issued a statement asking Dunleavy to do so again.

“We have the ability to provide needed relief now, and Alaskans deserve it,” said Sen. Scott Kawasaki, D-Fairbanks, citing high fuel costs.

Another major line item inserted by members of the Alaska House and kept by Dunleavy is a second year of funding for K-12 schools, effectively paying for two years’ worth of education funding in one.

Intended as a way to reduce costs next year, it’s a \$1.2 billion item that could be reduced if oil prices fall. If oil prices average at least \$103.25 per barrel in the next fiscal year, the second year of funding is fully paid.

If prices fall below that amount, the amount of forward funding is reduced. At \$89 per barrel, the budget would remain fully balanced, but there would be no forward

funding. Below that amount, the state would have to use savings to close the gap.

The budget also contains several hundred million dollars intended to pay tax credits owed to oil and gas drillers and their financiers.

The money is the amount necessary to settle a debt accrued under a now-defunct incentive program. Because the state budget contains annual payments on that debt, settling it should free more money in the future, Dunleavy said.

The governor acted differently on the state’s public-employee pension liability, vetoing an \$89.3 million appropriation added by the Legislature atop the amount requested by the managers of the pension fund. The state has a multibillion-dollar pension liability that must be paid in the future.

That was the largest single veto aside from a procedural move that shifts \$360 million in savings from the Statutory Budget Reserve to the Constitutional Budget Reserve, which has a higher threshold for spending.

The governor also vetoed \$85 million in funding intended for maintenance at schools and state facilities, cut support for the

Food Bank of Alaska, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and the Alaska Library Network, and vetoed some recruitment efforts at the Alaska Department of Law.

In the case of ASMI, a state official said that organization had funds left over from last year and did not need additional support allocated by the Legislature. The Department of Law funding request may still be addressed in separate legislation.

“We didn’t need the extra appropriations that were put in there,” Dunleavy said.

Sen. Bill Wielechowski, D-Anchorage, said he was disappointed by a \$4 million veto to the childcare program office in the state Department of Health.

“Here he is coming out and saying he wants to change the constitution to ban abortions and he’s cutting child care assistance. If you’re gonna ban abortions, you have an obligation to take care of kids,” Wielechowski said.

Dunleavy also vetoed the Legislature’s effort to save money in the Alaska Permanent Fund and the easily spent Statutory Budget Reserve. Instead, the primary vehicle for savings is the Constitutional Budget Reserve.

Spending from that requires three-quarters of the House and three-quarters of the Senate, and the veto has caused some concern among legislators who watched the House drive the state to a brink of a shut-down in 2021 as it struggled to reach that three-quarters mark during low oil prices.

“If oil prices do tank, then we could be right back, having to squabble and fight to get three-quarters,” said Rep. Bryce Edgmon, I-Dillingham.

Overall, Dunleavy’s vetoes were fewer and smaller than in his first budget, which came as he attempted to boost the size of the Permanent Fund dividend amid slumping oil prices. Uninterested in new taxes, Dunleavy vetoed billions from the budget but ultimately reversed many of his actions after facing opposition from the Alaska Legislature and Alaskans who mounted a recall campaign against him.

This year, though he continued to veto funding for public radio, he did not veto money for school bond debt reimbursement or the University of Alaska, items he had targeted in prior years.

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Photo by Jane Spencer/for The Cordova Times
A Pride-themed paint class lead by Jessica Morningstar of Copper River Canvas.



Photo by Jane Spencer/for The Cordova Times
Glittery hair was another activity adding more sparkle to the Pride parade and celebration at the Grassy Field.

PRIDE

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were kids’ activities, a raffle, a potluck and vendor tables. Rainbow flags were displayed throughout, and a “Love Wins” sign was visible from the road.

At one point a child biking by asked “is this a birthday party?” And indeed, it did seem like the first birthday of Pride celebrations in Cordova.

Sarah Stimson organized the Cordova’s Pride parade.

“The LGBTQ+ community has always been present in Cordova,” she said. “June 25, 2022, was just one opportunity for these individuals and their allies to feel seen and safe in our little corner of the world.”

Many people in vehicles, not directly participating in the parade, offered honks and cheers of support as they passed by to show support.

“When it came to the Pride Parade, I really only hoped that we could create an inviting event that represented love in all the ways it can be expressed and make space for community members to ask questions, share experiences and nurture a sense of belonging,” Stimson added.

Pride parades began over 50 years ago, during a pivotal time for gay activism. It began after the Stonewall Riots in New York City, yet a half a century later, there is still very much a need for support and advocating for LGBTQ people to feel safe and supported in their communities, especially for those who have not come out yet.

Erin Brennan, an occupational therapist at Cordova Community Medical Center, started a LGBTQ+ support group with the intention “to create a safe space for teens, whether they’re accepted or not, they have a safe space to turn to in Cordova,” Brennan said.

In addition to providing support to teens, Brennan also hopes it can be of service to families.

“I also want to have moms and dads come ... my mom could have used something like



Photo courtesy of Charity Wheeler
The Reluctant Fisherman hosted a Pride Party, where customers and employees dressed in colorful attire to enjoy a DJ and dance party. From left, Jake Borst, Harmony Graziano, Charity Wheeler, Kate Stone, Brandon Ryan and Josh Herdandez.

that, she needed to have someone to talk to — like help me figure this out so that I have a better relationship with my kid,” she said.

There’s a lot of challenges people face, within families, religions or community, where individuals may not feel safe to come out, or they may feel scared to come out and oftentimes, the reaction of family or friends can be negative. Pride celebrations make those individuals aware of the LGBTQ community that exists and can help connect people within the community.

“The more we grow it, we’re hoping we can have a safe space for everybody. Parents and having somewhere for kids to go and know they are safe and loved,” Brennan said.

Many businesses showed support by hosting events, displaying decorations or donating items to the Pride raffle.

The Whale’s Tale cafe celebrated Pride all week with rainbows and streamers hung outside the building as well as inside. Owner Wendy Ranney and her employees wore colorful unicorn horns and the cafe displayed bowls of rainbow-colored candies and a visible sign of support.

“I feel like we just need to show our support for those who may not feel like they can have a voice,” Ranney said. “If we showed support maybe that will help someone else feel like they could also show support.”

Jessica Morningstar, of Copper River Canvas, was pleased other businesses and individuals had similar ideas about celebrating.

“It was kind of exciting that many people wanted to join in,” she said.

Morningstar and Charity Wheeler, the manager at the Reluctant Fisherman restaurant, collaborated on painting events, including a painting party held on the restaurant deck. According to Morningstar, a few individuals had been planning to show their support of Pride, when they learned of others wanting to do the same.

The Cordova Rocks group held an all-ages event to paint colorful and inspiring messages on rocks, which get distributed around



Sarah Stimson leads the colorful pride parade as onlookers honked and hollered for Cordova’s first Pride

town. She and Wheeler organized the painting events together.

“It was a city-wide thing, everybody just wanted to be involved,” Morningstar said.

The inspiring and positive messages written on the rocks are meant to serve as a reminder that there are people and resources in this town willing and able to support anyone having a challenging time.

“Mental Health is a huge part of the awareness associated with Pride Month,” Wheeler said.

The Reluctant Fisherman hosted a colorful DJ dance party in honor of Pride and it was a celebratory atmosphere and very well attended.

“I think there is no time like the present to come show support to your neighbors, colleagues, family, and friends,” Wheeler said. “Division doesn’t make us stronger as a community, unity does.”

The celebratory tone of all the events is meant to include everyone to participate, and but are many other messages being communicated as well.

“Pride isn’t just about being queer, it’s actually a celebration of awareness to solidarity, humanity, equality, and resistance to prejudice, discrimination, and violence,” Wheeler said.

While Cordova has not hosted Pride events like this before, that doesn’t mean the LGBTQ community was not present.

“Growing up here, if Pride was celebrated on a community-wide scale, it was unbeknownst to me,” Stimson said. “I have heard of folks privately gathering together on their own though and that’s key to finding a sense of belonging in such a small and remote town.”

The multigenerational support from the community seems to mark the beginning of a new Cordova tradition.

“It was a beautiful beginning to what will grow into an even greater event in the coming years,” Stimson said. “I look forward to working with a committee next year to share ideas and build on what has begun!”

Editor’s Note: Freelance reporter Jane Spencer is also an employee of The Reluctant Fisherman Inn mentioned in this story.



Over 100 people participated in Cordova’s first ever P



Pride parade participants walked down Main Street in



de parade on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Photo by Jane Spencer/for The Cordova Times



Pride parade on Saturday, June 25.

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n Cordova on Saturday, June 25, 2022.



The Whale’s Tale celebrated pride week with rainbows on the front of their cafe and inside even more colors with rainbow candy in bowls. The unicorn-horn wearing staff from left, Jade Sharky, Wendy Ranney, Grace Collins and Mia Siebenmorgen.

NEWSPAPER

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the project of saving The Cordova Times as we have for the past few years,” NVE Tribal Council Chair Mark Hoover said in February. “We are open to any proposals and will work with any group that may be interested.”

NVE announced it would accept proposals to be considered for ownership of The Cordova Times until May 1 with hopes of announcing a new owner by June 1. NVE officials say they have been in discussions with Rachel Kallander of Cordova for her to take ownership of the paper.

However, no contract had been signed as of press time for the July 1 edition.

Tribal Council voted in late May to continue publishing until the July 8 edition in hopes to have a transition plan in effect by that date, according to NVE Deputy Director Brooke Mallory.

“It is an award-winning newspaper and has a steady and dedicated readership,” Council vice chair Sylvia Lange said in February when NVE announced the change. “This is an opportune time for someone with ink in their veins to take on a wonderful flagship paper, work with a great staff, and call it their own. I dearly hope we can accomplish that.”

Like many newspapers across the state and nationwide, the publication has changed hands several times in the past and continues to struggle in a changing media climate.

NVE purchased the paper in April 2016 from Jennifer Gibbins. Gibbins saved the newspaper from demise in 2011 after Alaska Newspapers, Inc. liquidated its magazine and six weekly newspapers, among them, The Cordova Times.

“With this issue, I am pleased to announce that the ownership of the paper is transferring to — what I hope will be a ‘forever home’ for The Cordova Times — the Native Village of Eyak,” Gibbins wrote in the April 22, 2016, edition of the newspaper. “I wish to express my profound gratitude to NVE for taking on this challenging role of stewardship.”

Five years later, NVE hopes to pass the baton of ownership and focus on other projects.

“As printed material began to take a hit and newspapers began closing across the country NVE had to face the fact that we would be subsidizing the costs with little to no chance of even breaking even,” Hoover said. “It was a difficult decision to make, but (we were) considering the other large-ticket projects we are working with the city on, such as ensuring physical, mental and dental healthcare going into the future as well as completing the Oil Spill Response we have been involved with for the past 20 years.”

The newspaper was named Best Weekly in 2019 and 2020 by Alaska Press Club, Alaska’s statewide journalism and media network. Alaska Press Club awarded the newspaper second place in that category for 2021. The Cordova Times also won first place in the category of Best Comprehensive Coverage of the COVID-19 Pandemic for a series of articles by editor Zachary Snowdon Smith and fisheries reporter Margaret Bauman published in 2020.

“I wanted to read this paper more,” wrote award judge Brian McCrone. “Be proud of this service.”

Editor & Publisher Magazine recognized the NVE and newspaper with an honorary mention in its March edition among news publishers to watch.

“With a digital readership that often eclipses the population of Cordova by ten-fold, The Cordova Times covers local news, city government, community features, commercial fisheries, environmental news, arts, science, history and Alaskan culture,” E&P editor Robin Blinder wrote. “This newspaper, owned by the Native Village of Eyak since 2016, regularly publishes news that leads to meaningful discussions, change and positive growth across Alaska.”

Share your Cordova Times memories

While there isn’t a firm transition plan in place yet, we would like to celebrate our 108-year legacy of publishing news in Cordova news for NVE’s farewell edition. Readers, advertisers, past paper kids, and current and past staff and contributors are invited to share memories of the newspaper in the July 8 edition. Email submissions up to 300 words and photos honoring The Cordova Times legacy to share@thecordovatimes.com by noon on Tuesday, July 5, for consideration.

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What’s next?

Look for more information about the newspaper’s future in the July 8 edition.

This article was written by The Cordova Times editor and designer Annette Potter. Reach her at apotter@thecordovatimes.com.

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ALASKA FISH NEWS

Bristol Bay sockeye: big run, smaller fish

BY LAINE WELCH
For The Cordova Times

Salmon experts predict a whopping run of 71 million sockeyes to the world’s largest fishery at Bristol Bay this summer.

“We stand on the edge of what may be the largest Bristol Bay salmon run in history,” said Curry Cunningham in a tweet to Tradex CEO and president Robert Reierson. Cunningham is a quantitative ecologist and professor at the University of Alaska/Fairbanks.

Hold on a minute, responded Andy Wink, director of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association.

“It will honestly be almost impossible to realize the harvest forecast of 60 million fish. Bristol Bay has never eclipsed a 45 million fish harvest. And while we expect there is some room to grow that this year, it’s probably more likely that the base harvest comes in between 40 to 50 million fish,” he told Tradex.

Smaller size fish also are anticipated again this season

Cunningham and his team project the returning reds will be 53% two-ocean sockeye and 47% three-ocean sockeye. That translates to 3.75 to 4.5 pound and 5.5 to 7.5 pound whole round fish.

A two-ocean fish has spent two winters in the ocean; a three-ocean sockeye spends three years in the ocean.

Cunningham said that weight-at-age is always low in years of higher salmon abundance, so it is very likely that average weights for each age class will be at the low end of the range this season. He added that competition for food in the ocean seems to be a likely reason for the less hefty fish.

While Peter Pan Seafoods posted a pre-season advance base price of \$1.15/lb for sockeyes, other processors have yet to announce a price. It’s still very early in the season and Reierson said wholesale market prices have yet to be determined.

However, bottom trawling’s climate

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SENIOR SALMON DAY

CDFU will share donated salmon with elders on July 6

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

Cordova District Fishermen United will hold its annual Senior Salmon Day 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 6, at the Union Hall on Main Street. CDFU will share donated fillets of wild Alaska salmon with seniors aged 60 years and older.

In an announcement of the annual event,

CDFU said the association, which represents over 900 commercial fishermen in their families who harvest wild fish in Prince William Sound, the Copper River Flats and the northern-central Gulf of Alaska will once again share their bounty with elders who may not be able to access these fish themselves.

With the help of local partner processors,

fishermen generously donate part of their catch to Cordova’s local seniors and hospitals. CDFU gave special thanks to Area E fishermen and all the partners who make the program possible.

CDFU accepted donations from harvesters for Senior Salmon Day between June 20 and July 1.

SAFETY CHECKS

Coast Guard completes 351 dockside exams in Bristol Bay

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

U.S. Coast Guard inspectors say they were able to conduct 351 dockside examinations and issue 276 safety decals for commercial fishing vessels in communities throughout the Bristol Bay region during a two-week deployment in Bristol Bay.

The examiners from Anchorage addressed safety issues that were present, while issuing no fines or other penalties for any discrepancies found. The exams focused on safety and addressed matters such as flares, charts, navigational signals, fire extinguishers, emergency position indicating radio beacons and the serviceability of immersion suits. Each vessel that passed the dockside exam earned a decal.

From June 13-24 the task force removed 117 immersion suits from service because they were not in serviceable condition. Most vessel owners replaced the unserviceable suits with new ones.

“Our primary goal in providing this service to the fishing fleet is to promote safety and prevent loss of life at sea,” said Chief Petty Officer David Schaeffer, fishing vessel safety examiner from Sector Anchorage. “This is a preventative measure to ensure vessels have necessary life-saving equip-



Photo courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard

ment on board. They have one of the most dangerous jobs in the country, so our job is to make sure they’re prepared before heading out to sea.”

PRICE UPTICK

Peter Pan boosts base price for salmon

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

Peter Pan Seafood initially posted a base price of \$1 a pound for sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay, but then even with the first few million pounds of salmon there were delivered, with millions more to come, the processor has boosted its starting price to \$1.15.

“The reason we make early starting price announcements is to intentionally put the fleet at ease with a starting point so that they know they will receive a fair price for the long hours and hard work they are about

to endure participating in the world’s largest sockeye fishery,” said Jon Hickman, vice president of operations, in a statement issued by the processor.

“So once again, Peter Pan was the first out with a price in Bristol Bay for the 2022 season,” he said. “After posting an initial starting price last week, we’ve already increased the starting price to \$1.15 as a testimonial to our belief in a valued partnership with the Bristol Bay fishing fleet. We will continue to evaluate the fishery and the market with the hope that price can

move up as this possible record Bristol Bay season progresses.”

Preliminary salmon harvests in Bristol Bay, as calculated on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, reached just shy of eight million sockeyes through Wednesday, June 29. The state agency’s forecast was for a run of over 75 million sockeye salmon into Bristol Bay this summer, 44% more than the most recent 10-year average, and 111% greater than the long-term average of nearly 36 million fish, with an anticipated Bristol Bay harvest of nearly 60 million fish.

Cordova Tide Tables

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RENEWABLE ENERGY

GVEA votes to invest in wind and battery project rather than using coal

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

Board members of Golden Valley Electric Association in Fairbanks have voted to decommission the largest coal plant in Alaska and invest in a wind and battery project that will be the largest of its kind in the state.

The vote on Monday, June 27, came after over five years of community engagement and organizing by the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition a grassroots climate justice organization, to get GVWA to transition to clean, renewable energy.

GVEA had scheduled the June 27 meeting to decide to either decommission the Healy 1 coal plant or invest in updates to it. In a decision that came as a surprise, the board voted to instead decommission Healy 2, the larger of the two Healy coal plants, while committing \$26 million to outfit Healy 1 with a pollution-control system. The GVEA board also voted for an unprecedented investment into new wind power and battery storage, representing a substantial step towards a clean energy future. The goal of 40MW of new wind power would represent an expansion of wind generation that is larger than any wind farm in Alaska.

The coalition noted that keeping Healy 1 operating requires millions of dollars of additional investment into a resource they said must be phased out in the next 10 to 30 years to keep in line with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recommendations and shift to 100% clean energy and 100% carbon reductions goals by 2050.

Kenzley Defler, energy justice organizer for the coalition, said that the persistent voices of member owners for the past few years worked to ensure GVEA's decision to start shifting away from coal.

Kefler said his organization is eager to support the continued momentum to over toward deep climate action locally, retiring all existing coal plants, supporting worker transitions and retraining and acquiring federal dollars while implementing community solar projects and encouraging GVEA to increase its carbon reduction goal.

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impact is not limited to fuel-use emissions. Trawling also releases carbon from marine sediments – the world’s largest carbon stores. As bottom trawlers drag weighted nets over the seabed, they disturb these carbon stores and release CO2 back into the ocean.

Big developers (and boats) lay claims to being earth-friendly

An opinion piece in the Boston Globe calls out a recent press release by the CEO of the Pebble Limited Partnership, which owns mineral rights to the largest deposit in the Bristol Bay watershed. John Shively called the EPA’s move to protect Bristol Bay “a giant step backward for the Biden administration’s climate change goals” — presumably referring to the large amounts of copper needed to mass-produce components of renewable energy systems and electric vehicles.

Similarly, the heads of large trawl companies are collectively touting that their fisheries have a far lower carbon footprint than other proteins and plant-based foods. “Our footprint is lower than tofu!” boasted Stephanie Madsen, director of the At-sea Processors Association.

Laine Welch has covered the Alaska fish beat for print and radio since 1988. She also has worked “behind the counter” at retail and wholesale seafood companies in Kodiak and on Cape Cod.

IUU FISHING

NOAA proposes new ways to combat illegal fishing

Oceana says plan falls short of making the program apply to all seafood imports

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

New measures to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities, and forced labor in the seafood supply chain are being proposed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as part of the rulemaking processing that will be open for public comment.

NOAA’s proposal, announced on Monday, June 27, would broaden the scope of activities to be considered under the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act when identifying nations where IUU fishing is occurring. These would include pervasive and persistent fishing activities in waters under the jurisdiction of a nation, without authorization or in violation of that nation’s laws. In addition, fishing activities in waters beyond any national jurisdiction that involve the use of forced labor may be considered by NOAA in identifying nations for IUU fishing under the Act.

NOAA is also seeking to expand the information foreign fishing vessels must submit when requesting entry into U.S. ports in order to fully implement the Port State Measures Agreement, an international agreement to adopt and implement effective port state measures to ensure long-term conservation and sustainable use of living marine resources.

“This memorandum signifies real progress in pulling together the full force of the U.S. government in the fight against IUU fishing, forced labor, and other human rights abuses, but more still needs to be done,” said Beth Lowell, vice president for the United States for Oceana, an international advocacy organization for ocean conservation. “The memorandum directs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to expand the Seafood Import Monitoring Program to include some additional species, but it falls short from requiring the program to apply to all seafood imports, which is key to stopping illegal products from entering the U.S. market. Until the United States holds all seafood imports to the same standards as U.S.-caught fish, illegally sourced seafood will continue to be sold alongside legal catch.

“NOAA is committed to strengthening the suite of tools we use to combat all forms of IUU fishing and counter the use of forced labor in the seafood supply chain,” said Janet Coit, assistant administrator for NOAA Fisheries, acting assistant secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and deputy NOAA administrator.

NOAA co-leads the U.S. Interagency Working Group on IUU Fishing under the Maritime SAFE Act, which supports a whole-of-government approach utilizing a range of regulatory and technological tools, to counter IUU fishing and related threats to maritime security, enabling federal agencies to focus their efforts and leverage interagency coordination to maximize impact.

CASELOAD RISING

State reports 3,330 new COVID-19 cases in a week

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

State health officials have confirmed the diagnosis of 3,660 new cases of COVID-19 in Alaska for the week of June 22-28, with 87 people hospitalized, but no new deaths.

Out of the total, 2,633 were residents, including 1,035 in Anchorage and 161 in Wasilla, with another 1,027 nonresident cases, according to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

Since the pandemic was first confirmed in Alaska in early 2020 there have been 1,252 deaths document among residents.

None of those hospitalized are on ventilators. The percentage of patients currently hospitalized with the virus is 7.1%. COVID-19 deaths are commonly reported in batches after death certificates are reviewed.

DHSS continues to encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are now recommended for everyone six months of age and older, with the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines preferred, according to the state agency.

People over the age of 50 and some immunocompromised individuals are also advised to receive a second mRNA booster of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine four months after their first booster dose. Additionally people who have received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for both their primary dose and booster dose may receive a second booster dose using an mRNA vaccine.

Pfizer or Moderna vaccine booster are preferred. Individuals ages 5 to 17 years of age can receive a Pfizer booster only.

APPOINTED

Akis Gialopsos named acting DNR commissioner

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

Akis Gialopsos, deputy chief of staff and legislative director for Gov. Mike Dunleavy, has been named acting commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, filling the vacancy left when outgoing DNR Commissioner Corri Feige recently announced her resignation.

Gialopsos was appointed by Gov. Dunleavy on June 24, to begin his new job on July 1.

He was previously chief of staff to the president of the Alaska State Senate during the 31st Alaska Legislature. Prior to that Gialopsos served as a committee aide to the Senate Resources Committee for the 29th and 30th legislatures.

Feige said she was leaving DNR to spend more time with her family in the Lower-48 states.

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PROTECTION, ADAPTATION & RESISTENCE

Pratt Museum exhibit celebrates new cohort of Alaska Indigenous artists



Birch bark baskets made by Dena'ina elder Helen McLean taught her student, Joel Isaak, a contributor to the exhibit, about the interconnection between birch trees and the survival of Dena'ina culture.

BY MARGARET BAUMAN
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An art exhibit at Homer's Pratt Museum through Sept. 24 celebrates customary indigenous Alaska Native art forms and modern technology through the creations of 54 indigenous Alaska artists that speak to concerns for the future of their traditional lands and culture.

The exhibit explores three themes: Land and Culture Protectors; Activists for Justice and Wellbeing; and Sovereignty and Resilient Futures. Featured projects, museum officials note, elevate collaboration and community as tools of resistance, adaptation and cultural affirmation. Through intergenerational learning groups, collaborations and vibrant community networks the contributing artists invigorate traditional stories and propose resilient futures through their choices of design, tattoo, regalia and graphic arts.

To emphasize concerns many indigenous Alaskans have for the future of the state's fish, animals and forests, all critical to their culture, they have created robes, hats and masks that feature animal and plant forms, expressions of their solidarity with the fish, animals and forests. The exhibit also includes traditional birchbark baskets, quilliq (seal oil lamps), small press books and posters.

"Northern peoples have lived in the seemingly uninhabitable arctic for thousands of years," wrote contributing artist Joel Isaak, of the Kenaiatze Indian Tribe in the Dena'ina region, in a brochure on the exhibit. "We have navigated oceans, ice ages and drastically changing climates. Most recently colonization has challenged our ability to live with the land and requires us to continue to be prepared for the unknown."

"We adapt using ingenuity and resist with perseverance to manage the shift from saber tooth tigers to corporate tycoons," Isaak said. "We have grown adept at protecting against the corporeal threats that surround us. These forces have ranged from biting cold, arrows bullets isolation, historical trauma, and systems designed to terminate our very existence. We are not exiled to the



Tlingit dance robes tell the story of Kaxatjaashaa, the Herring Rock Woman, who was the first to call the Yaaw, the herring, to Sheet'ka Kwaan. She sang to the herring until they schooled and laid eggs in her hair.



A reproduction of Tlingit artist Rico Lanaat Worl's Raven' Story is the first Tlingit design featured on a U.S. postage stamp. In the design trickster Raven sets free the sun, moon and stars before escaping from his human family and transforming back into bird form.

annals of history. We are still here, living, protecting ourselves, adapting and resisting the forces that work to eradicate us from the face of the earth."

Traditional Tlingit weaver Lily Hope of Juneau, another of the contributing artists, also wrote with passion about how indigenous teachers take pains to protect their ancestral memory, their artistic intellectual property and collective life's work. Hope, who is known for her skills at weaving traditional Northwest clothing, including Chilkat robes and ensembles, has a collaborative studio in downtown Juneau, where



Illustrations by Ahtna artist Dimi Macheras, raised within Chickaloon Village Tribe, who wrote and illustrated the graphic novel Chickaloonies with collaborator Casey Silver, a comic book for learners of all ages.

she teaches and presents her work.

"I'm cautious who learns Chilkat weaving as we work 'in the veil' between the spirit realm and our physical realm, where intuition and lineage converge," she wrote. "I'm still learning the gravity of co-creating ceremonial regalia."

Survival of her culture, Hope said, relies on adaptation too. Her people have survived for thousands of years by migrating to where plants and animals were plentiful and by building homes with materials in their own wild backyards, from sod houses in Northern Alaska to cedar-planked clan houses in the Southeast.

"We've always adapted to our landscape and natural resources," she wrote.

The overall exhibit speaks also to using art to teach all people about respect and stewardship, and that art can help people heal. Contributing artists use their work to examine healing that highlights respect for self, family and community.

The exhibit is presented by Bunnell Street Arts Center in Homer, with support from the Alaska Community Foundation, Alaska Humanities Forum, Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, CIRI Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts and the Rasmuson Foundation.

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AROUND TOWN

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Emergency response training

The Cordova Volunteer Fire Department and the Department of Homeland Security and Environmental Management are partnering to offer a Community Emergency Response Team Training (CERT) for the City of Cordova. The course will educate community members who are interested in volunteering in an emergency, including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. The CERT team members will continue to meet once a month for volunteer training. The course will take place from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 12-14. Call 907-424-6117 or email fire3@cityofcordova.net to register.

4H Music Camps

Camps will run July 11-15. Students ages 9-18 can sign up for an all-day Bluegrass Camp. The Hawaiian Camp for ages 6-8 is full but there is a waiting list. There will also be some adult camp classes. Learn more and sign up at cordovamusiccamp.org. Call Karen Swartzbart at 907-253-3421 to borrow an instrument. Cordova 4H has ukuleles for sale for \$55, tuners for \$15 and soft padded ukulele cases for \$25.

CFRC Summer Camp (Grades 4-6)

Cordova Family Resource Center is hosting a free summer camp for grades 4-6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through July 1. Visit surveymonkey.com/r/TV6D9XB to learn more and to register. For questions, contact Jessica Wray at 907-424-5674 or email cfrcpvention@ctcak.net.

CFRC Summer Camp (Grades 1-3)

Cordova Family Resource Center is hosting a free summer camp for grades 1-3 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from July 19-22. Visit surveymonkey.com/r/TV6D9XB to learn more and to register. For questions, contact Jessica Wray at 907-424-5674 or email cfrcpvention@ctcak.net.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Libbie Graham dba Powder House located at 1418 Copper River Highway is applying for transfer of a Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor license to Robin L. Traxinger dba Powder House Bar and Grill. Under the terms of AS 04.11.360(4) (B), AS 04.11.670, and 3 AAC 304.106, the transferor/lessor retains a security interest in the liquor license that is the subject of this conveyance, and may, as a result, be able to obtain a retransfer of the license without satisfaction of other creditors. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant, and to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1600 Anchorage AK 99501 or alcohol.licensing@alaska.gov.

Let Me Run (Grades 4-6)

Cordova Family Resource Center is hosting their Let Me Run camp at the end of summer. The camp will be from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. August 2-5 and is offered to 4th-6th grade boys. Cost is \$50 with full and half-scholarships available. Register at surveymonkey.com/r/FWK525S. For questions, contact Jessica Wray at 907-424-5674 or email cfrcpvention@ctcak.net.

ONGOING

Community Bike Rides

This weekly community bike ride is free and open to the entire community. It's all about getting on your bike, exploring and meeting new people in Cordova. Meet at Cordova Gear store at 5:30 p.m. Mondays to enjoy a quick group ride. If you need to rent a bike, Cordova Gear has you covered, but you should contact them earlier in the day before the ride, to make arrangements.

Net Loft Nature Journaling

Gather at the Net Loft after the Cordova gear group bike rides for Summer Nature Journaling from 7-8 p.m. Mondays. Eight weeks of nature journaling activities and guided instruction via @roseannhanson's book "Nature Journaling for a Wild Life." For more information and registration, visit thenetloftak.com. Supplies and kits are available from the Net Loft.

Free Lunch Art Program

Cordova Family Resource Center will host a free Lunch Art program through Aug. 12. Toddler to first grade art session is from 11 a.m. to noon and must have a parent or guardian present during the session. Second grade and up art session is from 12:30-1:30 p.m. No registration needed. Free lunch will be distributed after each art session at CFRC. For more information, contact Jessica Wray at 907-424-5674 or email cfrcpvention@ctcak.net.

Kids Summer Meal Program

Through Aug. 5, all kids ages 0-18 are welcome to free meals at Mt. Eccles Elementary School cafeteria. Breakfast is available 8-10 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Summer Reading Program

Sign up now for the Cordova Public Library's Summer Reading Program for ages K-6 through July 27. All youth may participate in Summer Reading and attending Wednesday programs from 1-2:30 p.m. is not required. For more information, call 907-424-6667.

Gospel Music Jams

Vaccinated and masked singers and musicians are invited to join in and play music for the hospital residents 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays. Call Rev. Belle Mickelson for more info at 907-388-3347.

Volunteers wanted

The Cordova Fire Department is recruiting volunteers, ambulance drivers, etc. Call 907-424-6117 for more information and to sign up.

Call for musicians

Vaccinated and masked singers and musicians are invited to the Cordova Community Center from 3:30-4:30 p.m. every Monday to perform live gospel music for hospital residents. For more information, contact Rev. Belle Mickelson at 907-388-4447.

Monthly Poetry Showcase

Cordova Public Library's Monthly Poetry Showcase meets the last Friday of each month at 6 p.m. via Zoom. At the start of each month a theme is announced. At the meeting, share a piece of writing that plays towards the theme. For adults only. For inquiries and login information, contact Jillian Gold at jillian.cordovapubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Sugt'stun for Beginners

Learn Sugt'stun (Alutiiq) with Shyla from 6-7 p.m. every Tuesday via Zoom. Email shyla.krukoff@eyak-nsn.gov for more info.

Moms, Pops & Tots Storytime

Storytime is 9:30 a.m. Thursdays via Teams. Register in advance to receive the Zoom invite by contacting Jessica at nvefamilies@eyak-nsn.gov or calling 907-424-2246.

Pen Pal Program

Write to Cordova Hospital Residents with their Pen Pal Program. Mail Pen Pals for Residents Program, Cordova Community Medical Center, P.O. Box 160, Cordova, AK 99574.

Cordova Public Library

Cordova Public Library is open to the public and for curbside delivery from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday. Call 907-424-6667 or email requests to curbsidedelivery@cordovalibrary.org.

Free online books

Go to adl.overdrive.com and click "Sign in." Select Cordova Public Library from the drop-down list and enter your library card number. The PIN is 99574. Need help or your card number? Email librarian@cordovalibrary.org or call 907-424-6667.

Knit & Lit Book Club

Book discussions, knitting and other handicrafts via Zoom at 6 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month. Meeting ID and password posted the day of the meeting. For more info, email Anna Hernandez at anna@cordovalibrary.org.

Disc Golf Club

Cordova Disc Golf Club meets from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 1, and Friday, July 8, at the Cordova Disc Golf Course at Meals Reservoir. Bring

your own discs. Random pairing for doubles play. Small fee to participate and cash prize for the winning team.

City Council meetings

City Council meets 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Visit cityofcordova.net for more info. Watch Council meetings on YouTube at youtube.com/user/cathyrhs.

Local COVID-19 testing, vaccines and boosters

To schedule a COVID-19 test, vaccination or booster, contact Ilanka Community Health Center at 907-424-3622 or Cordova Community Medical Center at 907-424-8200. At-home test kits available.

Free at-home COVID tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a third round of free at-home tests. Each order includes eight rapid-antigen COVID-19 tests. Visit covidtests.gov to order.

RECOVERY MEETINGS

Health & Hope

A safe place for family and friends of those dealing with addiction to get support and information from 7-8 p.m. Thursdays at Ilanka Community Health Center (across from the Episcopal Church). Contact Elizabeth King (Sound Alternatives) at 907-424-8300 or John Yakanak (IHC) at 907-424-3622 for more info.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meet from 7-8 p.m. Mondays and Fridays at Pastor Steve Leppert's home. Call 907-244-9406 or 907-347-2286 for additional details.

NVE Recovery Circle

A safe environment where you and your anonymity are honored. Meet 7-8:30 pm. Tuesdays at Ilanka Wellness Center (old DMV space across from the Episcopal Church). Contact John Yakanak at 907-424-3622 for more info.

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You clever Ewes and Rams love nothing more than to rise to a challenge. So, by all means, if you feel sure about your facts, step right up and defend your side of the issue.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening, otherwise you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your social life is picking up, and you'll soon be mingling with old friends and making new ones. But 'twixt the fun times, stay on top of changing workplace conditions.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) A trusted friend offers understanding as you vent some long-pent-up feelings. Now, move on from there and start making the changes you've put off all this time.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might well feel uneasy as you face a diffi-

cult situation involving someone close to you. But you know you're doing the right thing, so stick with your decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're a good friend to others. Now is the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) That project you've been working on is almost ready for presentation. But you still need some information from a colleague before you can consider it done.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't let those negative attitudes that have sprung up around you drain your energies. Shrug them off, and move ahead with the confidence that you can get the job done.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Aspects favor some dedicated fun time for the hard-working Piscean. A nice, refreshing plunge into the social swim can recharge your physical and emotional batteries.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to travel and be with people. You probably would be happy as a social director on a cruise ship.

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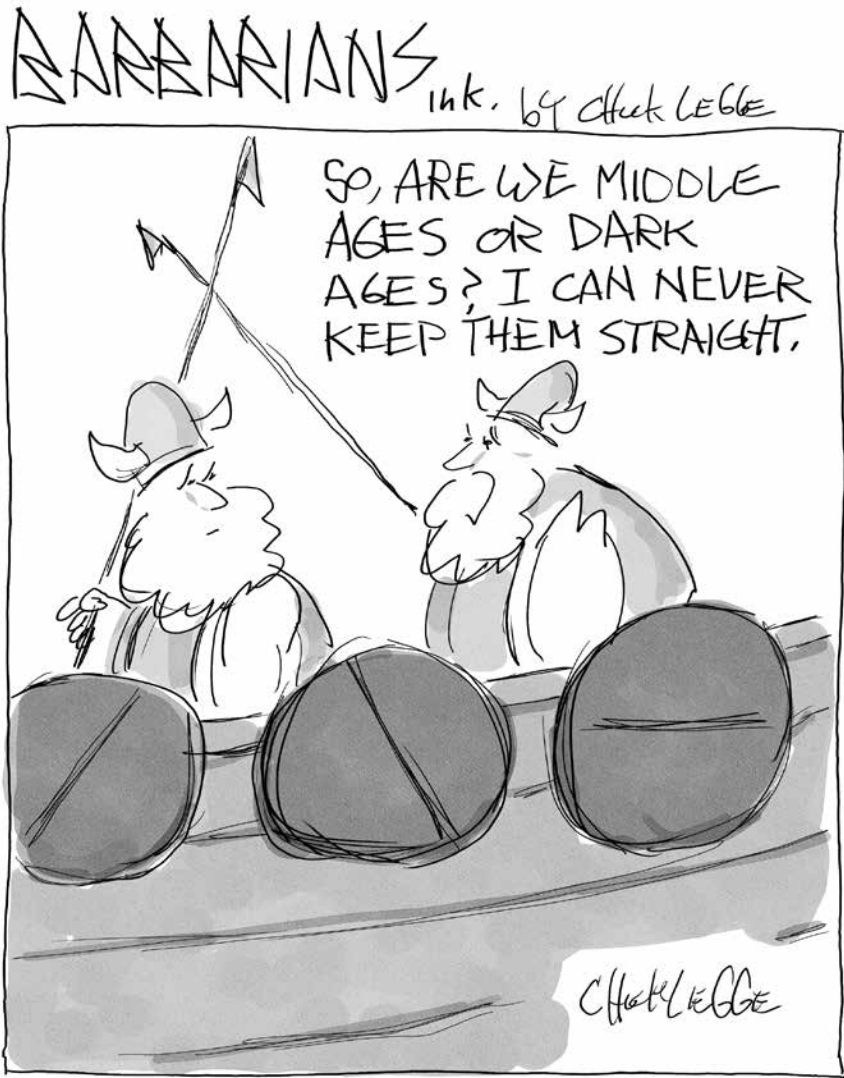
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Take a Break

Curdova Memes



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King Crossword

- ACROSS**

 - 1 Chantilly, e.g.
 - 5 Chicken —
 - 9 Leg, in slang
 - 12 Mr. Stravinsky
 - 13 Sparkling Italian wine
 - 14 Have bills
 - 15 Bouncing toy
 - 17 Retrieve
 - 18 Ruby and Sandra
 - 19 Apple products
 - 21 Buy more Time?
 - 24 Handle
 - 25 New Mexico resort
 - 26 Monotonous
 - 30 Work unit
 - 31 Chair designer Charles
 - 32 Odometer start
 - 33 Winter road clearer
 - 35 Remain
 - 36 Church area
 - 37 Buckwheat porridge
 - 38 Physicist
- DOWN**

 - 1 Back talk
 - 2 In the past
 - 3 Gear tooth
 - 4 Wears away
 - 5 Winslet of "Titanic"
 - 6 Egyptian deity
 - 7 List-ending abbr.
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 - 10 Dumbstruck
 - 11 Citi Field team
- 16 Stitch
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 - 21 Numbered rds.
 - 22 Deserve
 - 23 Restricted zones
 - 24 Recognized
 - 26 Shopper's delight
 - 27 "As I see it," to a texter
 - 28 Ancient mariner
 - 29 Maja painter
 - 31 Delta follower
 - 34 Typing speed stat
 - 35 Nymph pursuers
 - 37 Tool set
 - 38 Dossier
 - 39 Stretches (out)
 - 40 Baseball's Tommie
 - 41 Weevil's target
 - 44 Music's Yoko
 - 45 "Ulalume" writer
 - 46 Computer key
 - 47 Filming site

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Sweden?
- 2. HISTORY: What was the whole name of the nation once called U.S.S.R.?
- 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did July 4 become a federal holiday?
- 4. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit is used to make the cocktail mixer grenadine?
- 5. U.S. STATES: In which state is Niagara Falls located?
- 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only mammal that can fly?
- 7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which two presidents died within hours of each other on July 4 — the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence?
- 8. TELEVISION: What was Beaver's real first name on the "Leave It to Beaver" sitcom?
- 9. LITERATURE: Which 1977 horror novel features a hotel called The Overlook?
- 10. MOVIES: Which 1967 movie tagline is, "They're young ... they're in love ... and they kill people"?

Answers

- 1. Stockholm
- 2. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
- 3. 1870
- 4. Pomegranate
- 5. New York
- 6. Bats
- 7. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
- 8. Theodore
- 9. "The Shining"
- 10. "Bonnie and Clyde"

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CryptoQuip

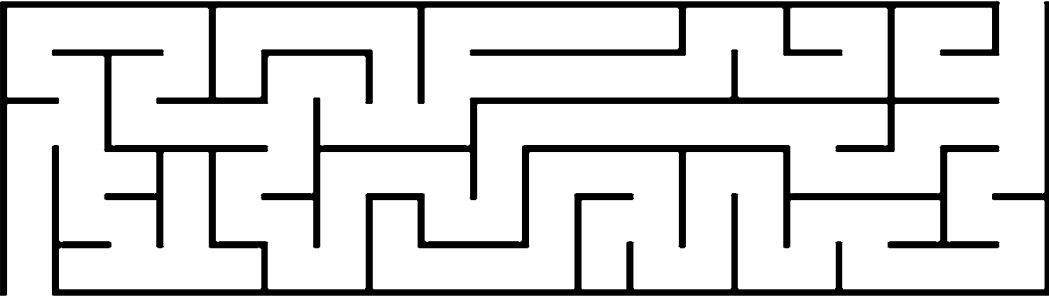
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: V equals W

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AMSDBIM GLMHY VNYT HI BIBDOOJ
WDYFHPDO.

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Kids' Maze



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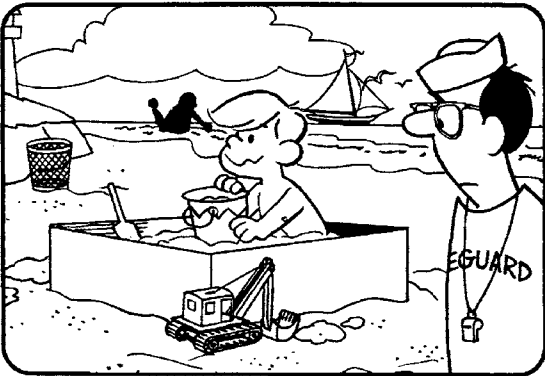
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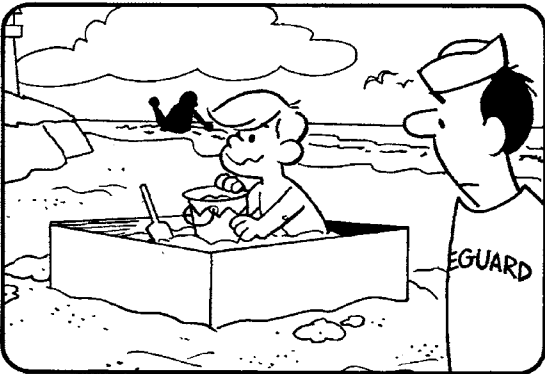
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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ALASKA SCIENCE FORUM

Bonsai trees tell of winters long past

BY NED ROZELL
For The Cordova Times

A GREEN PLATEAU NORTH OF LITUYA BAY — “These are museum-class bonsais,” Ben Gaglioti says as we walk through an elfin forest.

Gaglioti, a University of Alaska Fairbanks ecologist, has led me into another landscape I have never seen in Alaska. This terrace of spongy ground above the rainforest is home to trees that Dr. Seuss might have dreamed up.

Winter storms spinning off the Gulf of Alaska have sculpted these hemlocks on the outer coast of Glacier Bay National Park into mountain men waving at you, the letter Z, and umbrellas.

Gaglioti sees the damaged trees as messengers from the past, carrying memories of hard winters within their gnarled stems.

Here, about 10 miles north of Lituya Bay, it is breezy enough to be chilly here even on this summer day. The exposure makes it easy to imagine winter storms blasting through.

“Nothing is stopping the winds between here and Hawaii,” Gaglioti says, pointing to the blue-green expanse of ocean that ends at a line that looks like you might fall off if you sailed past.

During winter storms, high winds scour these trees’ bark with ice crystals. Rime ice also forms on branches and breaks them. The trees endure, shooting out new growth, sometimes sideways.

How are these trees useful to a scientist? Gaglioti noticed these hemlocks grow a dark, resin-rich ring during the summer after a winter storm has dinged them up. Most tree-ring records are blind to what happens in winter, when the trees are dormant.

Standing on a few 1,800-foot terraces here in the rugged wilderness are crooked indicators of what has gone on in the North Pacific off Alaska during the winter for the last four centuries. Gaglioti has found this by taking tree cores.

Today, he screws an increment borer into the trees with an action that resembles changing a tire. The plateau rings with “Tock, tock, tock,” as he backs the corer out of the tree.

He twists out a cylinder of wood thinner than a pencil. It smells like a lumberyard.

“This is a really old tree,” he says. “Really tight rings.



Ben Gaglioti, an ecologist at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, stands next to a mountain hemlock tree damaged in winter on the outer coast of Glacier Bay National Park in Southeast Alaska.

Photo by Ned Rozell

Maybe 400 years.”

Gaglioti has seen years when a quarter or more of the trees showed the dark ring indicative of a tough winter.

With more than 300 of these cores, he was able to reconstruct the severity of winters going all the way back to about 1786, when Commander La Perouse declared nearby Lituya Bay the Port of France (before he lost 21 men at the bay’s dangerous entrance and sailed away).

The trees have told him that giant weather systems like the Aleutian Low seem to have persisted despite human-caused warming.

During winters when the Aleutian Low is strong, warmer temperatures and southerly winds create icy, stormy conditions that increase the likelihood of trees being damaged.

On a larger scale, the Aleutian Low twirling over this giant body of water causes droughts, floods and wildfires in west-

ern North America. Scientists have also tied cycles in the Aleutian Low — which switches from strong to weak every few decades — to Arctic sea-ice extent and the strength or weakness of salmon runs along the Pacific Coast from California to Alaska.

After gathering 20 cores and storing them inside paper straws, Gaglioti seals them inside a Ziploc. They will add to the load he will carry in his backpack out of here. Someday, probably in the darkness of winter, he will look at them under magnification and see what these trees have to say about hard times they have endured.

Since the late 1970s, the University of Alaska Fairbanks’ Geophysical Institute has provided this column free in cooperation with the UAF research community. Ned Rozell is a science writer for the Geophysical Institute.

SALMON

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by strong sockeye harvests in the Alaska Peninsula and Bristol Bay regions, according to Sam Friedman, who is producing the McKinley Research Group weekly in-season reports on behalf of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute. For Prince William Sound, harvests and the weights of salmon harvested remained below the 10-year average, according to Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologist Jeremy Botz, in Cordova.

The Prince William Sound deliveries through June 28 included nearly 758,000 reds. Copper River drift gillnetters brought

in 420,535 reds, 11,091 Chinooks and 9,140 chums, while Coghill district drift gillnetters had 434,318 chum, 318 Chinooks and 49,513 sockeyes.

Friedman noted that so far over 9 million red salmon have been delivered to processors, which is 26% more than 2021 to date and 14% more than the five-year average.

Most of the sockeye harvest has taken place in the southern Alaska Peninsula area and the Egegik and Nushagak districts of Bristol Bay.

With a steady flow of salmon being harvested commercially, the price of any Copper River Chinooks and sockeyes still available has dropped. Pike Place Fish Market in Seattle was posting \$64.98 a pound for

Copper River king fillets and \$499.99 for the whole fish, plus \$29.99 a pound for Copper River sockeye fillets and \$99.99 for a whole four-pound fish.

The online seafood vendor FishEx in Anchorage was offering fillets of Copper River kings for \$114.95 a pound and fillets of Copper River reds at \$59.95 a pound. Also in Anchorage, 10th&M Seafoods was out of Copper River fish, but was selling Prince William Sound sockeye filets for \$13.95 a pound.

Bristol Bay commercial harvesters in the Nushagak District showed deliveries of 3.5 million sockeyes, 105,000 chums and 1,000 Chinooks, followed by the Egegik District with over three million sockeyes and over one million sockeyes in the Naknek-Kvichak

District, The Ugashik District caught 237,000 sockeyes. There have been no deliveries reported yet for the Togiak District.

In the state’s westward region, fishermen on the south side of the Alaska Peninsula caught over 5 million salmon to date, including over 4 million sockeyes, 1 million humpies, 420,000 chums, and 2,000 kings. On the peninsula’s northside the sockeye catch was some 394,000 fish.

Kodiak harvesters have brought in an estimated 358,000 sockeyes, 74,000 chums, 10,000 humpies, 2,000 Chinooks and 1,000 cohos, for a total of nearly 6 million fish.

Deliveries in Southeast Alaska to date were estimated at 66,000 salmon, including 45,000 kings, 18,000 chums and 3,000 sockeyes.

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE VOTING 2022 Primary Election

Absentee In-Person voting for the August 16, 2022 Primary Election begins August 1st. Ballots will be available in each Division of Elections regional elections offices as well as other locations throughout the state.

If you would like to vote by mail, your absentee by-mail ballot application must be received by the Division of Elections by Saturday, August 6, 2022.

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WEEKEND WEATHER REPORT

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 59. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph in the morning.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 60.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

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POLITICAL HEADWINDS

Right to abortion in Alaska remains protected, but advocates say it's fragile

Candidates for governor weigh-in on what the next step should be

BY LISA PHU
Alaska Beacon

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe V. Wade on Friday, June 24, ending the federal right to abortion and putting access to it in the hands of states. In Alaska, abortion remains legal through the state constitution's provision on privacy, but abortion-rights advocates say that right is fragile. And they say that access to abortions in Alaska is already inequitable.

"The big takeaway is abortion is still safe and legal in Alaska. All of the options that existed yesterday exist today in Alaska," said Rose O'Hara-Jolley, Alaska state director of Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates – Alaska.

"It doesn't mean that we're always guaranteed that right. Although nothing will change and patients can still come to us to ask to access abortion care, we will have to stay vigilant to make sure that it stays that way," they added.

While abortion remains a legal right, advocates said it's not an equitable right. Due to systemic racism and other factors, O'Hara-Jolley said people in Alaska don't have equal access to abortion.

"Legal access has never been enough. We need to be fighting to expand access to reproductive health care and abortion in Alaska."

Alaska has three Planned Parenthood clinics in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau;



Photo by Yereth Rosen/Alaska Beacon

Abortion-rights advocates start a march along several downtown blocks to protest the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade. The protest was assembled hours after the June 24 ruling.

a fourth in Soldotna closed at the end of May. The clinics will continue to provide a full range of reproductive health care services.

"Given the geography of our state, it is extremely hard for people off the road system to not only access abortion care but to access all types of health care, and especially reproductive health care. And so, unfortunately, we live in a reality where people will have to get on an airplane or drive hundreds of miles in order to receive that care," O'Hara-Jolley said.

"So, although it is great that we have a constitutional protection, we really should be thinking about – how do we make sure people have true access to the health care they need?"

Alaska is served by Planned Parenthood Great Northwest, Hawaii, Alaska, Indiana, and Kentucky – which also includes Washington and Idaho. Due to the Supreme Court ruling, Kentucky now prohibits most abortion, Indiana's legislature is scheduled to meet in a special session next month and is poised to limit abortion access, and

Idaho residents are likely to lose access in August.

Constitutional convention

Caitlin Shortell, a civil rights lawyer in Anchorage, said it's not time "to just kick back and relax."

"Because just a few months away, there's an effort to change the constitution and allow a ban. So, we can't let that happen," she said.

In the general election this November, voters will be asked whether or not to call a constitutional convention. A "yes" vote supports holding a state constitutional convention. A "no" vote opposes holding a convention.

The Alaska Supreme Court in 1997 recognized that "reproductive rights are fundamental, and that they are encompassed within the right to privacy expressed in article I, section 22 of the Alaska Constitution ... These fundamental reproductive rights include the right to an abortion."

"For all those who care about preserving any of our rights, like the reproductive rights, it's very important for people to actually show up and vote no on a constitutional convention because the goal of the constitutional convention would be for people on the right to eliminate the constitutional privacy protections in the Alaska constitution," Shortell said.

Some abortion opponents have said a constitutional convention is a pathway to change the constitution to make abortion illegal.

Shortell also said it's important to elect "a governor who can be relied upon not to sign unconstitutional laws limiting abortion access and not to waste Alaskan's

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THREATENED RIGHTS

Murkowski works on restoring women’s freedom over health issues

BY THE CORDOVA TIMES STAFF

In the wake of the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska says she will work to restore women’s freedom to control their own health decisions wherever they live in the United States.

The high court’s decision of June 24 put responsibility on states to set their own abortion laws.

Murkowski said the Supreme Court “went against 50 years of precedent in choosing to overturn Roe v. Wade. The rights under Roe that many women have relied on for decades — most notably a woman’s right to choose — are now gone or threatened in many states.”

“While Alaska’s courts have interpreted abortion rights as protected under our state constitution, women in other parts of the country will face a different reality that lim-

its their health decisions, even in extreme circumstances,” she said.

The senator said she introduced the Reproductive Choice Act in February to protect women’s reproductive rights as provided in Roe, “and I am continuing to work with a broader group to restore women’s freedom to control their own health decisions wherever they live. Legislation to accomplish that must be a priority.”

Her bill would codify the standards set in Roe and Casey and assure they continue to be the law of the land.

Murkowski said she supports women’s reproductive freedoms, including the right to an abortion up to fetal viability, which was established by Roe v Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, and that she believes in an individual liberty to make choices about their own health. These protections should be written into federal law, she said.

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money defending unconstitutional laws in the courts.”

Candidates weigh in

Wasilla Republican Rep. Chris Kurka, who’s running for governor, said he plans to call Gov. Mike Dunleavy to propose having a special session on the road system to pass legislation he sponsored criminalizing abortion.

“To put our differences aside and let’s get this done; let’s protect the pre-born,” he said on the phone Friday.

Making abortion illegal in the state is Kurka’s number one issue. He’s the former executive director and vice president of Alaska Right to Life. While he’s “happy” and “excited” about the Supreme Court decision, he said it wasn’t necessary to wait to change the law in Alaska and it should’ve been changed long ago.

“But here’s what I believe this decision really does for us: it removes the pretense from politicians who’ve been saying they’re pro-life but then refusing to act. So now there’s no longer the pretense. Excuses are gone.”

Democrat Les Gara, also running for governor, said, “It’s offensive that six Supreme Court justices put their politics ahead of a woman’s personal rights.”

With Roe v. Wade overturned, Gara said the right to an abortion is now a state issue. If elected governor, he said he would screen judicial nominees to ensure that right is protected.

“The most important thing to protect choice in Alaska is to appoint justices who will uphold our pro-choice precedent,” he said on the phone Friday. “We will have two Supreme Court justices in Alaska retire in the next three years.”

Gara also said he would veto any anti-abortion-rights legislation that comes to him and ensure contraception is available to prevent unintended pregnancies.

“I believe that we have to make abortion safe, legal, but rare, if you can, right? And so contraception matters. But I will make sure that Alaska remains a pro-choice state.”

In a press release, independent gubernatorial candidate Bill Walker said he and running mate Heidi Drygas would not change the status quo and “women will continue to make their own choices regarding their reproductive healthcare.”

Though Walker’s campaign said Walker is “pro-life” and Drygas is “pro-choice,” the release says they “are aligned in our goal of protecting women and families in Alaska.”

During Walker’s time as governor, his administration defended a state law that at-

tempted to limit the number of abortions funded by Medicaid and appealed the issue to the state supreme court. A ruling, released after Walker left office, found the law unconstitutional.

Republican and abortion opponent Gov. Mike Dunleavy, who’s running for reelection, issued a press release Friday saying the “future of abortion in Alaska” should be decided by “the people of Alaska, not a handful of elected officials or appointed judges.”

“I will therefore be introducing a resolution for a proposed constitutional amendment to the legislature in the next session to answer the question whether abortion shall, or not be a constitutionally protected right,” the statement said. Dunleavy would only be able to carry out this intent if he’s still governor when the legislative session begins in mid-January, unless there’s a special session before then.

A spokesperson for Republican gubernatorial candidate Charlie Pierce said Pierce “fully supports the decision of the Supreme Court on Roe v. Wade” and is “pleased to see that it is now a matter for the states to decide.”

Noting that “Alaska is already not affected by the Supreme Court issue as we stand today,” the spokesperson said Pierce “fully supports adoption, counseling, adding support for the expectant mother and adoptive parents, and he’s going to promote that. He has not denied that he’s a pro-life candidate but he also will follow the law.”

The long-term consequences for other rights

Anchorage civil rights lawyer Shortell said the overturning of Roe could be a signal of other rights going away.

“We do reasonably fear that Obergefell, the case securing the fundamental right to marriage for same sex couples, would be overturned and I mean, if you follow the court, it’s like an everyday nightmare,” she said.

Shortell said rights are “only as good as the officials who are responsible for enforcing these laws. So that’s why it’s so important for us to make sure we elect the right people and demand that they respect our rights.”

Planned Parenthood’s O’Hara-Jolley said the organization will continue to partner with other groups to keep abortion safe and legal in Alaska and to expand access to reproductive healthcare.

“We aren’t going anywhere. We will not stop providing care – not only abortion care, but reproductive health care – and fighting to make sure that we can continue to expand that access, even though it has just been greatly reduced across the country. People have been in this fight for generations and we are going to continue this fight.”

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LAW & ORDER: JUNE 20-26

The following is a summary of incidences that occurred or were reported to the Cordova Police Department June 20 through June 26, 2022. Defendant(s) are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Monday, June 20:

- 1:00 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at a local establishment.
- 1:16 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at a local business.
- 3:43 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 5:38 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at a local business.
- 11:23 a.m. A resident turned in a wallet containing cash, credit cards, and out-of-state identification card, to Lost and Found property. Dispatch was able to locate and contact the owner.
- 11:57 a.m. An individual came to the station to claim Lost and Found property.
- 12:32 p.m. An officer conducted security surveillance for flight 61 at Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 2:03 p.m. An officer conducted security surveillance for flight 66 at Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 3:45 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a net dropped on Adams Avenue.
- 3:55 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a net dropped on Adams Avenue.
- 5:09 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a net dropped on Adams Avenue.
- 5:42 p.m. An officer responded to Adams Avenue.
- 5:45 p.m. A City Shop employee responded to Adams Avenue with a loader to pick up the net.
- 6:05 p.m. A City Shop employee and an officer got another piece of equipment to assist with moving the net.
- 6:21 p.m. The Emergency Medical Services team and an officer responded to a medical call on Browning Avenue. The patient was transported to Cordova Community Medical Center.
- 7:56 p.m. An officer issued a warning to a motorist on Lake Avenue.
- 10:16 p.m. An officer conducted a security check at a local establishment.
- 10:43 p.m. An officer responded to a report of possible gun fire by the little airport on Lake Avenue. The officer patrolled the area reported finding no suspicious activity.
- 11:20 p.m. An officer conducted a security check at a local establishment.

Tuesday, June 21:

- 1:16 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 1:56 a.m. An officer contacted Dispatch, reporting suspicious activity at Mile 5 Whitshed Road.
- 7:50 a.m. An officer responded to a report of a disturbance at a local business.
- 9:32 a.m. An officer responded to a report of vandalism at the City Center.
- 12:19 p.m. An officer conducted security surveillance for flight 61 at Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 2:19 p.m. An officer conducted security surveillance for flight 66 at Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 7:15 p.m. An officer responded to a report of harassment at a local business.
- 7:25 p.m. An officer issued a warning to a motorist.
- 9:59 p.m. An officer served Court documents.
- 10:36 p.m. An officer served Court documents.

Wednesday, June 22:

- 12:03 a.m. An officer responded to a Welfare Check request. All the individuals were safe and fine.
- 12:42 a.m. An officer issued a warning to an individual.
- 2:10 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 12:18 p.m. An officer conducted security surveillance for flight 61 at Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 6:05 p.m. Dispatch received a complaint of dogs barking.
- 11:48 p.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.

Thursday, June 23:

- 12:07 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Cordova Jr/Sr High School.

- 2:04 a.m. Dispatch received a report of repeated noise disturbances.
- 9:20 a.m. A resident came to the station to speak with an Officer.
- 11:25 a.m. The Emergency Medical Services team responded to a medivac transport call. The patient was transported from Cordova Community Medical Center to the airport.
- 12:29 p.m. An officer conducted security surveillance for flight 61 at Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 1:54 p.m. Dispatch received a request for increased patrol.
- 11:34 p.m. An officer served Court documents.

Friday, June 24:

- 12:08 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 2:46 a.m. Dispatch received an anonymous call regarding a noise disturbance on the Breakwater.
- 11:19 a.m. An officer responded to a local business regarding a shoplifter.
- 11:46 a.m. An officer issued a non-expiring trespass to an individual from a local business.
- 11:58 a.m. An officer responded to a 911 report of harassment.
- 10:41 p.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.

Saturday, June 25:

- 12:00 a.m. An officer responded to a 911 disturbance complaint by a patron at the Prince William Sound Motel.
- 12:43 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 2:42 a.m. An officer responded to a noise complaint of juveniles shooting off fireworks at the Hartney Bay Bridge.
- 7:01 a.m. An officer responded to a 911 call from an individual requesting to meet an officer at the Cordova Community Medical Center.
- 10:42 a.m. An officer responded to a report of an aggressive dog at Sunset View Apartments.
- 12:06 p.m. An officer and an Alaska State Trooper responded to a report of an alleged inebriated individual blocking the New Harbor boat launch. The officer determined it was rather a medical emergency. The Emergency Medical Services team responded to the boat launch and the patient was transported to Cordova Community Medical Center.
- 1:50 p.m. An officer conducted follow-up on a harassment case.
- 3:52 p.m. A resident came to the station to drop off a cell phone found on the Breakwater to be entered into Lost and Found.
- 6:26 p.m. The Emergency Medical Services team responded to a 911 call at The Reluctant Fisherman. There was no medical transport.
- 6:48 p.m. Dispatch received a report of a suspicious individual.
- 9:06 p.m. An individual came to the station to claim Lost and Found property.
- 11:22 p.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.

Sunday, June 26:

- 1:18 a.m. An officer conducted a security check at the Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 12:34 p.m. An officer conducted security surveillance for flight 61 at Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 2:27 p.m. An officer conducted security surveillance for flight 66 at Merle K. Mudhole Smith Airport.
- 8:29 p.m. The Emergency Medical Services team, Fire Department, and an officer responded to a 911 call on Fourth Street. The patient was transported to Cordova Community Medical Center.
- 10:30 p.m. An officer conducted a security check at a local establishment.
- 11:32 p.m. An officer conducted a security check at a local establishment.

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