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District Schools Open Short Staffed

ALLISON SAYER - CRR STAFF

The Copper River School District (CRSD) School Board held their first meeting of the current school year August 26. Much of the meeting business was routine, authorizing documents that must be updated or submitted annually. The board also discussed staffing

issues. Administrative reports detailed both new programs and programs that will come to an end.

The district has five teaching positions that have not been filled. An additional teaching position may need to be created in Special Education, which would bring

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Dunleavy says he Won't Call Alaska Lawmakers into Another Special Session this Year

JAMES BROOKS
- ALASKA BEACON

In a Friday letter to the leaders of the Alaska House and Senate, Gov. Mike Dunleavy said he will not call lawmakers into a special legislative session when the current one expires at the end of Sunday.

"I write today to inform you that I will not be extending the current special session," Dunleavy's letter begins.

Officially, Dunleavy called the session in hopes that legislators would take up education policy legislation and his proposal to create an independent Alaska Department of Agriculture.

The agriculture issue remains unresolved amid a dispute over executive power and appears headed to the court system.

Lawmakers rejected the

governor's education ideas during this spring's regular session and declined to take them up during the special session, something Dunleavy called "disappointing" in his letter.

Unofficially, lawmakers and political observers believe the governor called the session to force an early vote on his decision to veto millions of dollars of public school funding. Because not all lawmakers were expected to attend the session, it was expected that an early vote would increase the odds that Dunleavy's veto would stand.

Instead, through extraordinary actions, 59 of 60 legislators were present on the first day of the special session and overrode Dunleavy's veto. It was the first time since 1987 that Alaska legislators reversed a sitting

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Confidence Grown Here: Youth Present Their Story in ACCAP Webinar

MASON LAMBERT
- CRNA YETI

Copper River Native Association (CRNA) is a Tribal Health Organization that supports Ahtna Tribes and the wider community in reaching their health and wellness goals. Within CRNA, the Tribal Community Services department runs the YETI program—short for Youth Employment and Training Initiative.

The YETI program is important because it teaches teens how to be workforce-ready. We learn communication, planning, leadership, and land stewardship—and some of us even earn college credits.

With recent federal funding changes, it wasn't certain if there would be a YETI season in 2025. Thankfully, the Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy (ACCAP) stepped in with a small grant that helped keep the program alive.

This summer, YETI focused on climate change in our region. We partnered with the Copper River



Photo by Colleen Merrick

Mason Lambert rowing down the Copper River during the 2025 YETI program.

Watershed Project (CRWP) to revegetate the Little Ton-sina River fish passage site. We also managed invasive plants, helped grow fresh produce in the CRNA community garden for Elders, and learned about traditional Native plants used for food and medicine. We created climate change videos for outreach and traveled to Fairbanks to visit UAF and explore how climate change is impacting permafrost.

On August 1, ACCAP hosted a statewide webinar

in partnership with CRNA to highlight what we accomplished thanks to their support. Daniella Hernandez, our Youth Coordinator, led the presentation with pride and excitement. She shared the projects and experiences we took part in over the summer with ACCAP Program Manager Alison Hayden.

The YETIs worked with amazing partners like the National Park Service,

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Calling Lost Chickadees in far North Poplars

SARA WILBUR
- ALASKA SCIENCE FORUM

NORTH SLOPE, Alaska — "Chick chick whirr, chick whirr."

Although it was a recorded birdsong that chattered through each of the poplar stands we entered, I still

occasionally caught myself believing we were hearing the real thing — the call of the gray-headed chickadee, last heard in Alaska in 2018.

Tom Glass, a postdoctoral researcher with the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute, traveled to these stands in

early August. He wants to understand how such Arctic poplars provide habitat for a wide variety of animals — grizzlies, wolverines, moose, snowshoe hares and, historically, this now-absent chickadee.

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Poplars, from Pg. 1

Accompanying us was Seth Beaudreault, Toolik Field Station naturalist and the person hoping to catch a glimpse of a gray-headed chickadee by playing recordings of their calls and listening for a response.

Missing chickadees provide a subplot to Glass' reason for the trip, which was to provide a poplar "before" snapshot in anticipation of the beavers' arrival. The large rodents are following the northward-advancing shrubline across and beyond the Brooks Range in northern Alaska.

Using satellite imagery, Glass, along with UAF colleagues, has been documenting the arrival and spread of beavers in the Arctic as part of National Science Foundation-funded research. So far, evidence of beavers crossing the Brooks Range has been limited.

But if and when they do arrive, they could completely change habitats along North Slope river corridors.

"It's a pretty dramatic potential consequence of the beavers' arrival, to think about them coming to a place like this and cutting down all the trees," Glass mused while unstrapping a trail camera he had installed along the Siksikpuk River in March.

The scenario isn't far-fetched: In Northwest



Photo by Aaron Lang

A gray-headed chickadee feeds along the Canning River in northern Alaska in 2015.

Alaska, beavers colonized and clear-cut a stand like the ones we were visiting on the North Slope. And if they do move in along Siksikpuk and other rivers in the area, they could prevent or limit the chickadees' successful return.

"Poplars are the only trees around," Glass said. "They provide the only suitable habitat on the North Slope to animals like cavity-nesting birds, including the gray-headed chickadee."

At our eighth poplar stand, Glass and Beaudreault encountered an unlabeled nest box screwed to a tree about 10 feet off the ground. Using a \$20 endoscope camera, Glass peeped into the nest box to see if anyone was home.

It was empty.

Back at the field station that evening, Glass learned that the nest boxes had been installed in 2017 by Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologist Travis Booms — one year before the last confirmed sighting of gray-headed chickadees in Alaska. They likely hadn't been checked since then until Glass, Beaudreault and I encountered them.

As our boots stirred up fragrant Labrador tea on our last field day, Glass hoisted the endoscope into another nest box, and it displayed something other than bare wood: a layer of pale, downy fur on top of moss matching the thick cushion under our boots. This construction aligns with the gray-headed

chickadee's typical nesting material.

Walking back to the helicopter, Beaudreault ruminated on what kind of bird had gathered the materials lining the nest box. He guessed that "the bird was definitely a chickadee, likely a gray-headed chickadee, but could have also been a boreal chickadee, a closely related species that could have wandered up to the North Slope."

While we had potentially come one step closer to finding the lost gray-headed chickadee, at the end of the day, our helicopter carried two scientists and one storyteller back to the field station with more questions than answers.

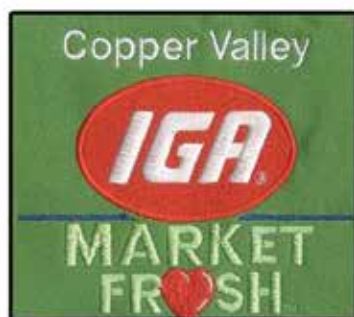
Whether gray-headed

chickadees return to these poplars before beavers turn songbird real estate into beaver infrastructure is anyone's guess. If they do, it would be a homecoming that perhaps only the grizzlies and hares — and Glass' cameras — would witness.

Since the late 1970s, the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute has provided this column free in cooperation with the UAF research community. Guest columnist Sara Wilbur, smwilbur2@alaska.edu, is the communications coordinator for the Geophysical Institute. Ned Rozell is traveling in Southeast Alaska and will return with the next column.

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Lorraine ‘Lori’ Anna Dummler

Lorraine ‘Lori’ Anna Dummler, 80, passed away on August 3, 2025, at the Alaska Native Medical Center, in Anchorage, Alaska. She was born Lorraine A. Hawkins in Juneau, Alaska on October 5, 1944, the daughter of Peter Oliver Hawkins and Mary Sadie Hanson.

She is proceeded in death by her husband Edward J. Dummler and daughter Dorothy A. Savage. She left behind her two daughters Mary Finnesand, and Arleen Duranceau, and son, Mark Dummler. Brother Arnold Hawkins, and sister Shirly Haynes. Grandchildren; Thomas Ginn, Tamera Ginn, Daniel Ginn, Tara Ginn, Jamie Ginn, Alyssa Vanek, Jacob Ginn, Rachel Dummler, Ryan Dummler, Christopher Jefferson, Mariah Lenard, Amber Riordan, and Edward Leonard, along with thirteen great-grandchildren.

Lori obtained a native allotment on McCarthy Road in the early 1970’s where her and her husband Ed built an off-the-grid cabin and farmed the land. Although she was a housewife for 52 years, she had worked previously at the Alaksa Native Services Hospital, as laundry attendant. Lori was known and loved for her joy in playing cribbage. She was also a talented wood carver and artist who loved to draw.

Funeral services will be held at the Chitina Community Hall, in Chitina, Alaska on October 4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., followed by burial at the Dummler family gravesite at the homestead.

Thought of the Week

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Voter registration applications are also available at the City Clerk’s Office in Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla.

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Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC): 320-0503

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that number to six. Two long term substitutes have been hired to fill some of the gap going into the school year.

This will be the final year for the Migrant Education Program, which provides additional assistance to students who qualify due to family movement.

The Close Up program, which brings a group of high school students to Washington, DC to learn about our federal government, will not occur this year.

Earlier this month, 16 students had the opportunity to learn welding skills in a mobile teaching trailer provided by the Alaska Ironworkers Training Program. Principal Dolgner reported this “went really well.” The program was funded by the Alaskans Building Alaska Initiative.

Superintendent Laville reported CRSD is in discussion with the Alaska Gateway and Delta Junction/Fort Greeley schools about a future Career and Technical Education (CTE) interchange.

On the academic front, students can expect to do more writing in the upcoming school year. During the

work session prior to the board meeting, Superintendent Laville stated students will have frequent “speed writing” practice and create writing portfolios, in addition to other skill building exercises.

The work session was dedicated to the results of AK Star tests from last spring. The results from the test, which was new this year, were not consistent with MAP test results. It might not be fruitful to delve deeply into the isolated numbers for each grade. Broadly, the test did suggest students in all grades could use more practice writing.

Teachers will also receive instruction and coaching in the upcoming year. Grant funded coaching for teachers will be provided by Curriculum Associates staff, who will visit district schools. Superintendent Laville will also use the text “Better than Carrots or Sticks” to teach restorative practices to teachers and paraprofessional staff.

The next school board meeting will be October 7 in Kenny Lake.

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governor’s budget veto.

After the override, legislators left Juneau and have not held a meeting in the Capitol since.

An education funding task force, created before the special session, has met once, but lawmakers have not taken up education policies the governor prefers, including legal changes that could lead to an increase in the number of charter schools statewide.

In his letter, Dunleavy said that if he does not see progress on his education policies next year, “I am prepared to call additional special sessions, in both duration and number, until we see substantive steps taken to improve Alaska’s education system.”

“That’s his right,” said Senate President Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak. “He can call us into as many special sessions as he wants. Of course, we’re not going to waste time and money. We’ll meet and see where we go.”

Next year is an election year, and the Alaska Constitution prohibits legislators from campaigning while the Legislature is in session.

Calling a special session could keep incumbent lawmakers from raising money or holding campaign events.

“That would be an impact,” Stevens said, “but you know, he has more of his followers running — or as many as people who are

opposing his ideas on education. So, it could really hurt his friends more than his enemies.”

In a news conference with reporters after the veto override, Dunleavy said he was considering a special session in September or October to discuss long-term measures intended to bring state revenue and expenses in line.

That’s now off the table.

“The fiscal plan is moving forward. I would expect it to be ready for the 2026 session,” said Jeff Turner, the governor’s communications director.

Another aspect of the special session will linger and may not be resolved short of the court system.

At the start of the special session, Dunleavy issued an executive order setting up the Department of Agriculture.

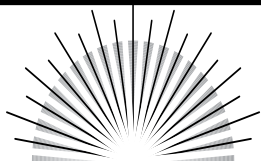
Lawmakers refused to take up the order, saying they believe it is unconstitutional to issue an executive order during a special session, and they believe it is unconstitutional to reissue one that has already been rejected.

The governor has declined to withdraw the executive order and has said he plans to consider it effective unless lawmakers vote it down.

Legislators are unwilling to vote it down, because doing so would be an implicit recognition of the governor’s right to issue an order during a special session.

The dispute remains unresolved as the special session ends.

This article was originally published on the Alaska Beacon website: www.alaskabeacon.com.



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“On 08/20/2025 Glennallen AST received a report

of a burglary and theft near mile 80 of the Richardson Highway. Investigation is ongoing.”

“On 08/30/2025 Glennallen AST received a report of theft of a red four-door Polaris Ranger from a residence in Glennallen. Investigation is ongoing.”

“On 8/25/2025 at approximately 2223 hours, the

Alaska State Troopers received a report of a motor vehicle accident involving a moose near mile 118 of the Richardson Highway. Troopers responded, and no injuries were reported. The deceased moose was given to a charity.”

On 08/30/2025 at approximately 1210 hours Glennallen AST conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle

for a moving violation near mile 103 of the Old Richardson Highway. The vehicle was impounded after the trooper found the driver did not have a valid driver license, the vehicle had a license plate from a different vehicle, and the vehicle was not insured. The driver was misdemeanor citations with a mandatory court appearance.

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Kristin Link

Dall's sheep (*Ovis dalli dalli*) are the only wild sheep native to Alaska and are adapted to dry alpine tundra and mountain ridgelines. On a recent backcountry trip in the Upper Lakina River and Mill Creek area, we spotted several grazing on summer grasses, sedges, and lichens. In winter, they dig through snow for frozen grasses, mosses, and lichens. Males, or rams, grow their iconic curling horns steadily through spring, summer, and early fall. On average, they need eight years to achieve a full 360° curl.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events

Saturday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Milepost 74 Richardson Hwy: Little Tonsina Revegetation Day hosted by CRNA, CRWP, and Tribal Community Services. Help plant native seeds and plants to restore land along the river at the bridge construction site. A BBQ lunch will be served, and transportation is available (email Cmerrick@crnative.org to book).

Friday, September 29, 5:30 p.m. Info Session/6:30 p.m. Dinner at Kenny Lake School Gym: Parent Information Night/Hot dog feed. The school will provide hot dogs, buns, and chips. Families are asked to provide side dishes.

Do you have an event, meeting, or fundraiser? Please email contact@copper-riverrecord.net

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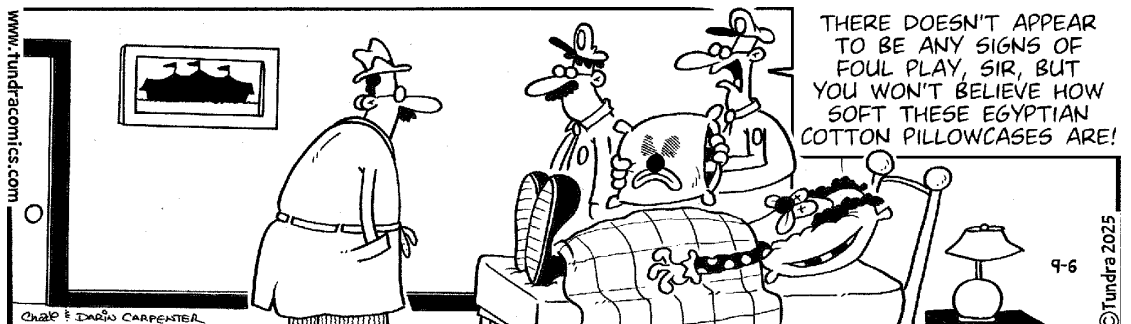
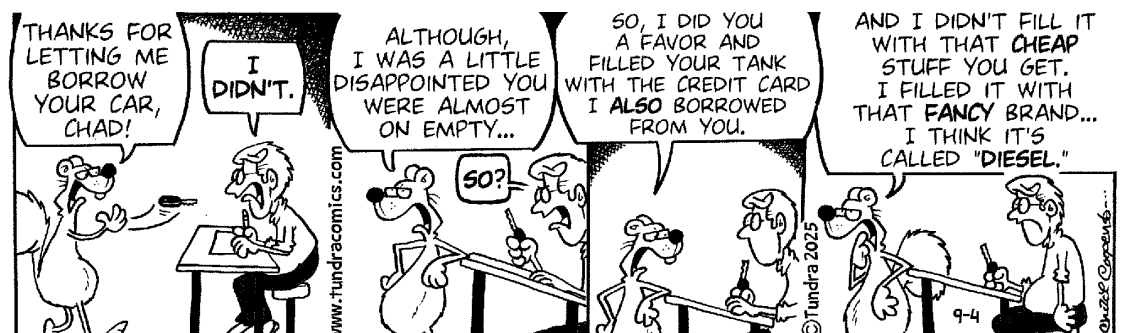
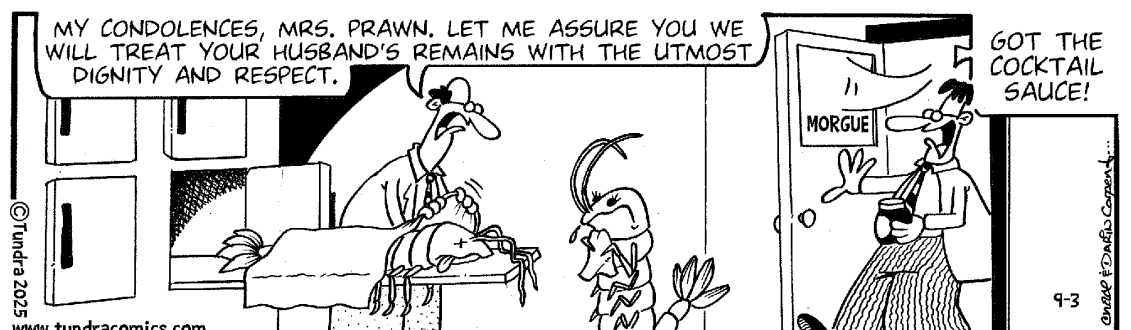
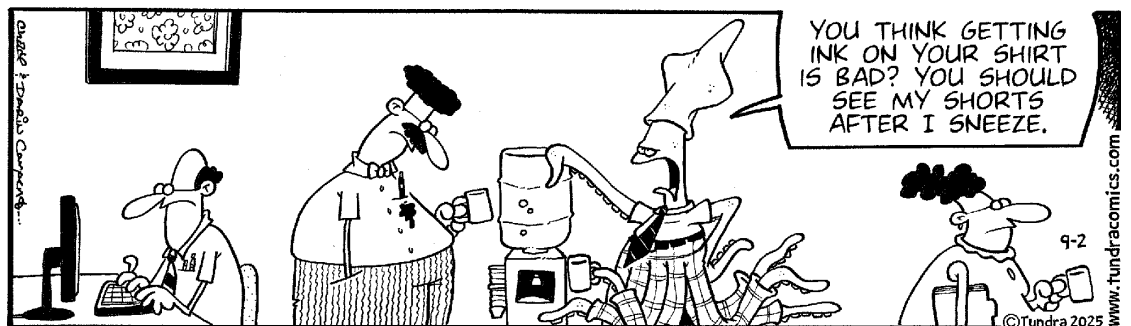
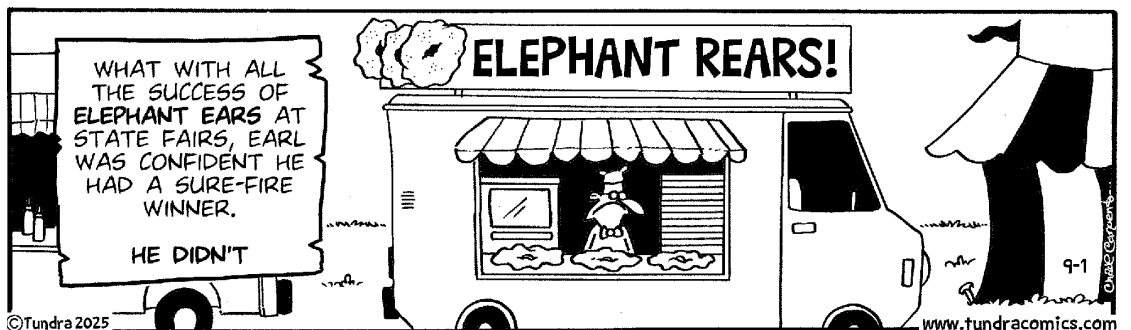
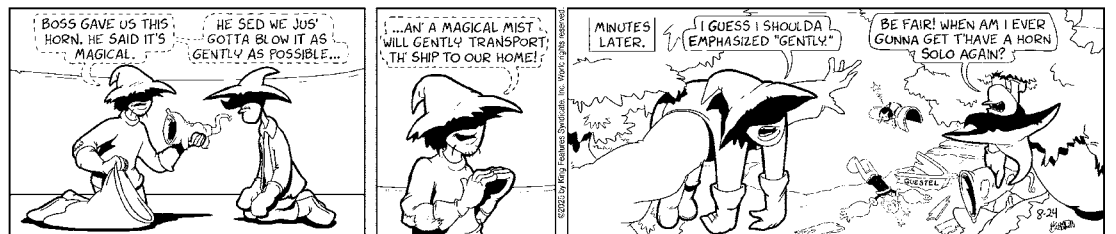
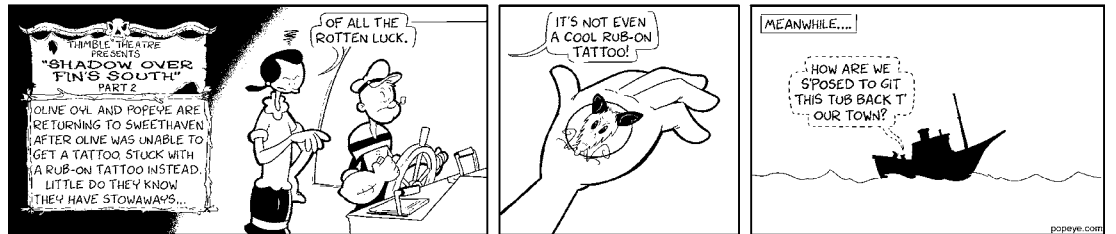
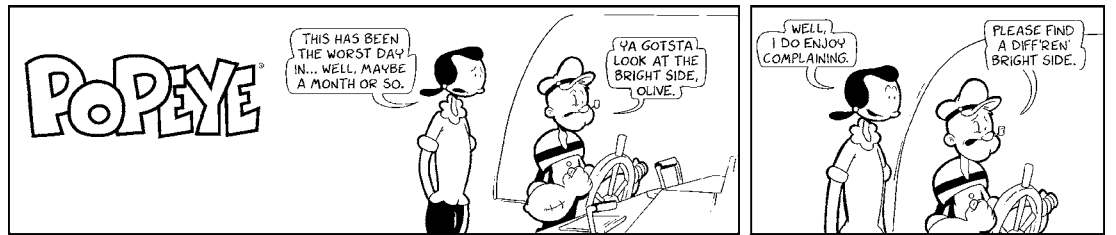
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- AI systems can simulate the language patterns and personality traits of the dead using their digital footprints, resulting in “deadbots” or “griefbots.” Researchers from the University of Cambridge have warned that this “afterlife industry” could cause psychological harm unless strict design safety standards are implemented.
- According to one study, most dogs reach peak cuteness between 6 and 8 weeks old.
- The American Psychiatric Association’s DSM-5 handbook classifies caffeine withdrawals as a mental disorder.
- A Canadian police officer named Ward Clapham created a program that gives “positive tickets” to people who do good deeds.
- “Baby,” “sport” and “waterproof” sunscreens don’t exist. They’re just marketing tactics.
- In 2016, scientists measured pollution variation in Los Angeles and Chicago, and found that violent crime rose when pollution was worse.
- Snow in Alpine regions can be pink due to pigments produced by algae, resulting in what’s known as “watermelon snow.”
- Michelle Pfeiffer was literally vacuum-sealed into her Catwoman costume in “Batman Returns.”
- The Venus flytrap plant can count — it waits for something to tap its pads twice before they shut.
- In 1864, Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman captured Savannah, Georgia, and in a telegram to President Lincoln wrote, “I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah, with 150 heavy guns and plenty of ammunition, also about 25,000 bales of cotton.”
- The largest playable instrument in the world is the Great Stalacpipe Organ, located in the Luray Caverns in Virginia. It uses rubber mallets to tap on the cave’s natural stalactites.
- At a specific temperature and pressure, water can exist simultaneously as a solid (ice), liquid (water) and gas (steam).

Thought for the Day: “Life ought to be a struggle of desire toward adventures whose nobility will fertilize the soul.” — *Rebecca West*

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An offer to help with a stalled project should reassure you that you have a workable plan in spite of the problems in getting it up and running. The weekend brings more positive news.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A past problem about a workplace situation reemerges early in the week. Talking things out helps ease tensions by midweek, but some hurt feelings could linger for a few more days.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Optimistic aspects dominate your efforts. However, expect to confront criticism, some of which might be valid, so keep an open mind. But overall, it’s your views that will count.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Social interaction with new people, especially on the job, could be a bit strained in the early part of the week. But the awkwardness passes as you get to know each other better.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect news about a follow-up to a workplace change that could make a difference in your career path. Meanwhile, new friends widen the circle for all you social Lions who love to party.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Enjoy your well-earned plaudits for a job well-done. But be aware that some people might not share your colleagues’ admiration, and you might have to work harder to win them over.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It’s a good week to recheck your

Moments in time

- On **Sept. 15, 1916**, British troops employed tanks for the first time in history, during an offensive against the Germans during the Battle of the Somme. While some were too slow to hold their positions during the German counterattack and were subject to mechanical failure, General Douglas Haig realized their potential and ordered the war department to produce hundreds more.
- On **Sept. 16, 1845**, Phineas Wilcox was stabbed to death by fellow Mormons in Nauvoo, Illinois, on suspicion of being a Christian spy. The crime reflected the frequently violent conflict between the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and surrounding communities.
- On **Sept. 17, 1967**, British rock band The Who ended their nationally televised performance of their hit “My Generation” on “The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour” with a literal bang from a blast of fireworks that Keith Moon had packed into his bass drum. Guitarist Pete Townshend’s hair was badly singed, Moon’s arm was hit with shrapnel and the show was momentarily knocked off the air, but everyone survived intact.
- On **Sept. 18, 1974**, actress Doris Day won a \$22.8 million malpractice suit against her former attorney. Day had allowed her third husband, Martin Melcher, to handle her finances, but following his death discovered that her \$20 million in life savings had disappeared, and sued her lawyer for mismanagement.
- On **Sept. 19, 1959**, during a trip to California, Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev’s famous temper displayed itself in his exasperated reaction to learning that he could not visit Disneyland, as he’d previously requested, due to government authorities fearing that the crowds would pose a safety hazard for him.
- On **Sept. 20, 1988**, at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea, American diver Greg Louganis won the gold medal on the springboard despite nearly knocking himself out during a qualifying round dive, becoming the first man to win back-to-back gold medals in both the 3-meter springboard and 10-meter platform events.
- On **Sept. 21, 1996**, John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette married at the First African Baptist Church on Cumberland Island, Georgia. Because the wedding began late and the old building didn’t have electricity, the priest conducted the ceremony with the aid of a flashlight.

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probably already overlong to-do list and decide what to keep and what to discard. Lose the clutter and focus your energy on what’s really important.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to take a new perspective on what you’ve been offered. Expanding your view could help to uncover any plusses or minuses that weren’t apparent at first.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Applying the usual methods to this week’s unique challenges might not work too well. Instead, use your creativity to find a way to resolve any impasse that develops.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) So what if fate throws some obstacles in your path this week? Just keep in mind that the sure-footed and resolute Goat can get past any barrier by focusing on the goals up ahead.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This week calls for better communication with people in both your private life and the workplace. Start by asking questions, then pay close attention to the answers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Potentially beneficial workplace changes could be closer than you realize. Make sure you know what’s going on so that you’re not left high and dry when the good things happen.

BORN THIS WEEK: You’re not timid about pushing to have your aims realized once you’ve set your mind to accomplishing your goals.

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Super Crossword

WRITING SWEET NOTES

- ACROSS**
1 Sailing guy
8 Dump vermin
12 Increased, as security
20 Singer with the 2018 hit “Let You Love Me”
21 Morales of “Bad Boys”
22 Still growing
23 Charms strongly
24 Pottery flaw
25 Cereal with a Honey Clusters variety
26 Start of a riddle
29 Reluctant
30 Suffix with ranch
31 Sty dweller
32 — Lankan
33 Reggae forerunner
36 Overhead railways
37 Riddle, part 2
41 Sell directly to consumers
44 Very secretive org.
45 Mysore dress
46 Completely
47 Old Palm smartphone
49 — -de-sac
52 Blasting stuff
54 Riddle, part 3
60 Old Pontiacs
61 Parks of civil rights
62 — monster
63 Flight check-in stand
66 Mob group
69 Likely
70 Riddle, part 4
73 “Monsters, —”
74 City known for its Heat
76 Clan emblem
77 — -mutuel betting
78 PC whiz
79 Watch over
81 Riddle, part 5
84 Frat party containers
88 Road no.
89 Emphatic assent in Acapulco
90 First play part
91 Horse pace
93 Saints’ and Cardinals’ gp.
96 Twangy vowel sounds
100 End of the riddle
105 “Prob’ly not”
106 Bagel fish
107 Britain’s Lord Sebastian —
108 Patterned after
109 Issa of “Insecure”
110 Neopagan practice
112 Riddle’s answer
116 Liqueur in some biscotti recipes
119 Nile goddess
120 Most lofty
121 Guys with pitches
122 Faxed, e.g.
123 Tempo faster than larghetto
124 Singer Julio or Enrique
125 Picnic intruders
126 Dawn crower
- DOWN**
1 Free-for-all fighter
2 Opening for a lubricant, as in a drill
3 No less than
4 Razz
5 Change form little by little
6 Zone
7 Sadat’s predecessor
8 Intersect again
9 Wan
10 Slow-movement martial art
11 Suck out with a tube
12 Bully in “Back to the Future”
13 Go-between
14 Going aboard
15 Spenser’s “The — Queen”
16 Gigi’s “to be”
17 Band of two
18 Fancy vase
19 Baseball’s — Wee Reese
27 Video game or sci-fi film
28 Food items with shells
33 Fully content
34 Shoelace snarl
35 Carpenter’s curved tool
37 Grow feathers large enough for flight
38 Food item with a shell
39 Ill-bred guy
40 It’s ENE of Fiji
42 “Right back —!”
43 Gershwin or Levin
48 Poet like Keats
50 Disheveled
51 San — Obispo
53 Dispensers filled with bills
54 Disney World conveyance
55 Pueblo tribe
56 Legacy levy
57 Additionally
58 Old Iraqi political party
59 Like thick fog
64 Strike defier
65 Davis who was the 2018 major league home run leader
67 Atahualpa, e.g.
68 Sore, as a muscle
70 Weasel’s kin
71 Equipment
72 Ventilating
75 Be worthy of
78 The thing here
80 Neighbor of Windsor, Ont.
82 Remain unsettled
83 Luggage inspection org.
84 Weep noisily
85 Cavern effect
86 Drink like Sencha or matcha
87 Hard drinker
92 The thing there
94 Timberlands
95 Bella’s “Bye!”
97 Really old
98 Maker of crocodile-logo shirts
99 Tam-o’- — (Scottish cap)
101 Gain entry to
102 Alexander Pope’s “— to Abelard”
103 Chinese revolutionary Sun —
104 Bee juice
110 Ralph — Emerson
111 Bits of land in el agua
112 “So it is!”
113 USMC VIPs
114 Pointer
115 Baseball’s Robinson —
116 “— always say ...”
117 Badger
118 Indisposed

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Labour in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Acts 20:35, “That so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words, it is more _____ to give than to receive.” *Righteous, Understanding, Blessed, Bountiful*
 3. Ecclesiastes 3:13 states, “And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the _____ of God.” *Will, Gift, Guidance, Law*
 4. From Proverbs 14:23, “In all labour there is profit: but the _____ of the lips tendeth only to penury.” *Whispering, Closing, Talk, Howling*
 5. In Ephesians 4:28, “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his _____.” *Brothers, Soul, Might, Hands*
 6. From Exodus 20:9, how many days shalt thou labour and do all thy work? *Two, Four, Six, Seven*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Blessed, 3) Gift, 4) Talk, 5) Hands, 6) Six
- Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey’s latest book, “Test Your Bible Knowledge,” available in bookstores and online.
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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“F1: The Movie” (PG-13) — Sleek director Joseph Kosinski (“Top Gun: Maverick” and “Spiderhead”) signed on the most elusive cool guy in Hollywood, Brad Pitt, to be his leading man in his latest release, which is out now to rent. This sports-drama film follows F1 driver Sonny Hayes (Pitt), who is coaxed into coming out of retirement after 30 years to race in the underdog team APXGP. The owner of APXGP is his former teammate Ruben Cervantes (Javier Bardem), which is why he extends Ruben the favor, but his new teammate, rookie Joshua Pearce (Damson Idris), does not plan to make this an easy return for him. The film became the highest-grossing film of Pitt’s career, earning \$603.4 million worldwide at the time of this writing. (Amazon Prime Video)

“Eddington” (R) — “Elevated horror” director Ari Aster’s latest film is deemed a “neo-Western black comedy thriller,” which seems directly on brand if you’ve seen any of his previous works (“Hereditary” and “Midsommar”). Even though it starred a handful of Hollywood’s most popular actors, such as Joaquin Phoenix, Pedro Pascal, Austin Butler and Emma Stone, it bombed at the box office, not even making up half of its budget. However, critics gave the film mostly positive reviews and praised how it showcased a growing problem in our current society: the way our digital world shapes our political climate, both locally and federally. Out now to rent. (Apple TV+)

“The Naked Gun” (PG-13) — For fans of the Leslie Nielsen series “The Naked Gun” and those who enjoy slapstick comedy (hard pass

for me), this action-comedy reboot should be first on your watchlist this week! Starring Liam Neeson (“Absolution”) and Pamela Anderson (“The Last Showgirl”), the film follows Lt. Frank Drebin’s (Nielsen) son, Frank Drebin Jr. (Neeson), as he investigates the death of a software engineer. Also joining the investigation in a discreet way is the software engineer’s sister, Beth (Anderson), who is convinced that her brother’s death wasn’t a suicide. As their interrogations lead them closer to the truth, Frank and Beth also get to enjoy a bit of romance — not unlike their real-life counterparts who announced that they were dating during the film’s press cycle. Available to rent on Sept. 2. (YouTube)



Pamela Anderson, left, and Liam Neeson star in “The Naked Gun.”

“The Paper” (TV-14) — Who can believe that in the year of 2025, we’d be experiencing a spin-off to the series “The Office”? It looks like audiences find great comfort in mockumentary sitcoms because it only took a year for Peacock to put together the series, with help from key players/executive producers Greg Daniels (developer of “The Office”) and Ricky Gervais (who starred in the British version of the series from 2001 to 2003). The spin-off centers around the Toledo Truth-Teller, a Midwestern paper struggling to stay afloat. The new editor-in-chief Ned Sampson (Domhnall Gleeson) is ready to shake things up, and by the look of its undertrained staff, he has a lot of work ahead of him. All 10 episodes will be available to stream starting Sept. 4. (Peacock)

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. **FOOD & DRINK:** The Middle Eastern dish called falafel is made mostly of what ingredient?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which country has the most UNESCO World Heritage sites?
3. **TELEVISION:** What is the name of Hawkeye’s living quarters in the “M*A*S*H” sitcom?
4. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a male swan called?
5. **LITERATURE:** Which Irish author wrote his last novel in crayon?
6. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many square feet are in a square yard?
7. **SCIENCE:** What’s the main function of red blood cells?
8. **MOVIES:** Streaming movies became eligible for the 2021 Oscar awards for what reason?
9. **ANATOMY:** What type of acid is found in the human stomach?
10. **U.S. CITIES:** Which city was named for a British prime minister?

Answers

1. Chickpeas or fava beans.
2. Italy.
3. The Swamp.
4. A cob.
5. James Joyce.
6. 9.
7. To carry oxygen.
8. COVID-19 pandemic.
9. Hydrochloric acid.
10. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (William Pitt the Elder).

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Square Smiles

by Jonny Hawkins



Super Crossword

Answers														
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RITAORA	ESAI	IMMATURE												
ALLURES	CHIP	FIBERONE												
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— Arianna Huffington
to play the game of life
about thirty thousand days
we have it we're lucky!

Answers

Cryptogram

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Answers

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is LONGFELLOW

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

RJ LIAJ, GU RJ'TJ DPHOX,

IQEPK KLGTKX KLEPZICV VIXZ

KE BDIX KLJ SIWJ EU DGUJ.

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“Being retired is okay, but nothing beats a coffee break on _____ time.”

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ACCAP Webinar, Continued from Pg. 1

CRWP, and the Native Village of Tazlina to protect land, promote Native knowledge, and grow our skills. From community outreach to hands-on science and environmental work, we really made the most of our summer. The webinar was a chance to show just how much young people can do when given the right support.

During the presentation, Alison asked all of us one question: “What was your favorite trip?”

For me, it was working in the garden. I know it wasn’t a trip, but it was still my favorite part of the summer. I loved watering the plants, making garden beds, spreading mulch, and giving out food. It made me feel like I was doing something meaningful—helping my community, doing science, and preserving the land.

This work isn’t always easy. Invasive plants are a pain. But it’s also rewarding. The garden made me feel like I was feeding people who needed it. Growing food is self-sufficiency. I also raise chickens at home, and it gives me the same feeling—I can give my family fresh eggs without worrying about high prices, freight delays, or contaminants.

I’ve learned that building local food systems is one way we adapt to climate change. Eating homegrown food with fewer toxins is healthier than buying processed stuff from the store.

It was cool to be on the webinar with all the YETIs and the youth from the Native Village of Tazlina, sharing our experiences with people across the state. It was my first time speaking in a webinar. I felt smart, like I had something important to say—and people actually listened. I’m not usually confident about public speaking, but this pushed me to grow. I’m heading into the new school year as an upperclassman, and I’ll carry that confidence with me.

Thank you to ACCAP for funding our summer. Thank you to CRWP for the partnership. And a huge thank you to Daniella for being such a great youth coordinator and role model. She’s from Los Angeles, but we turned her into a real Alaskan.

If you want to watch the recorded webinar, check out “Tradition is the Future: The YETIs Have an ACCAP-Funded Summer” at <https://uaf-accap.org/>.

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Regular Election: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Interested Borough registered voters may apply for an absentee by-mail ballot by submitting a completed Absentee By-Mail Ballot Application to the Borough Clerk's Office, by the deadline: **Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

Absentee By-Mail Ballot Applications are available online at www.matsugov.us/elections, from the Borough Clerk's Office located at 350 E. Dahlia Avenue in Palmer, or by calling 907-861-8683 to request an application. Applications must be submitted annually.

Early/Absentee In-Person voting will begin on **Monday, October 20, 2025**, and continue through **Monday, November 3, 2025**, at the following locations and times:

- **Mat-Su Borough Building: 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer**
 - Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **Division of Elections, Mat-Su Regional Office: 1700 E. Bogard Road, Building B, Suite 102, Wasilla**
 - Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
- **Houston City Hall, Talkeetna and Trapper Creek Libraries**
 - October 20 through November 3 – During Normal Business Hours

Voting Assistance

A Touch Screen Voting unit will be available at the Mat-Su Borough Building and at the Division of Elections, Mat-Su Regional Office 15 days prior to the election. Touch screen voting is intended for the blind, disabled and voters with reading difficulties. The touch screen units allow disabled voters to vote unassisted with a magnified, high contrast and audio ballot.

For more information, please call the Borough Clerk's Office at 907-861-8683.



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