



WHERE ALL THE WOMEN ARE STRONG (NOT REALLY)
ALL THE MEN ARE GOOD-LOOKING (SORT OF)
AND ALL OF THE CHILDREN'S CHEEKS WERE ONCE ABOVE AVERAGE.



Indentured servant rescued from life of log splitting

A teenage girl in Alaska has been freed from a life of indentured servitude after a daring rescue mission led by a young man wielding a four-foot long icy dagger. Sixteen-year-old Téa Neilson told authorities she had been forced to split firewood for 8-10 hours a day ever since she was a toddler.



Her miserable life of unending toil came to an abrupt and happy ending last week when she was rescued by a hooded figure clad all in green, rumored to occasionally go by the name "Sky Guy", although he prefers to remain anonymous.



The unassuming hero displays his secret weapon.

Téa estimates that over the past 16 years, she split and stacked approximately 4,500 cords of firewood. "It seemed like the pile of logs that needed to be split would never end," she said, "Like they were growing on trees or something."

On December 27, 2023, after being indicted on child labor law violations and related charges, her father, Sean Neilson, voluntarily surrendered himself to authorities in Gustavus, Alaska, where a mugshot of him was taken. In the photo, Neilson, wearing a dark suit, glowers at the camera in front of a white backdrop, his face lit from the side and above. Ninety minutes after the



his release, Neilson began selling T-shirts, mugs, and other merchandise with his defiant booking photograph.

On December 30, Neilson launched a set of digital trading cards as NFTs which he called the “Mugshot Edition”. A total of 100,000 digital cards were released at a price of \$99 each. Customers who purchased 47 or more digital trading cards were promised they would receive one of 2,042 limited edition physical trading cards, 25 of which are hand-signed by Neilson, along with a piece of the suit that he wore in the mugshot, and an invitation to dine with him at his opulent home in Xtratuf Estates, which he claims is worth \$1.8 billion.

Average U.S. price for a dozen family photos peaks in 2023

Record high inflation is impacting the economy at all levels. Until 2022, the going price to bribe two children to smile for a family photo ranged between \$1.50 and \$3 per child. However in 2023 prices drastically increased, reaching a peak of \$7.82 per child in January before falling to \$4.50 per child in November. Family photographer Sean Neilson says these exorbitant prices have drastically affected his inventory. “I’m getting squeezed from all sides,” he says. “Not only are prices high, but my children have reached an age where they demand a much higher level of quality control before releasing a product to the general market. All in all, inventory is extremely low at this time.”



“Nature guide” used frequent travel to hide lavish international vacations

Earlier this year, Sean Neilson of Sean Neilson Media, a supposed nature guide extraordinaire, was revealed to be completely fraudulent.

While his business promised rugged escapades through Alaskan rainforests, Egyptian deserts, and Antarctic icescapes, all in the name of environmental education and conservation, Neilson’s true intentions were much more self-serving.

While clients envisioned roughing it in the wild, Sean reveled in luxury, lounging in 5-star resorts and indulging in gourmet cuisine. For years, he deceived his clients and even his own family with his winning smile and knack for spinning tales, but his passion for globetrotting was merely a cover for his extravagant lifestyle and lavish vacations.



Unfortunately for Neilson, the travel grapevine works faster than the Gustavus Rumor Mill. Whispers about Sean’s double life spread like wildfire after he was spotted in Cairo, sipping a steaming cup of Earl Gray tea served by his personal hotel butler. Soon after, his elaborate ruse collapsed like a Botox spa made of cards. Even in the face of damning photographic

evidence, Neilson continues to insist he is innocent. The disgraced guide is now reportedly making six figures selling custom video messages on the app, Cameo. “Look, they can boot me out of nature guiding but they can’t take away my good humor or my larger-than-life personality, nor my good faith and the absolute pride I have for everything I’ve done. And lastly, they can’t take away my humility, which is difficult, yet still possible, to maintain while being so absolutely perfect.”

Feds say Alaska teenager and furry sidekick at center of international money laundering scheme

Federal agents say an Alaska teenager and her furry sidekick are at the heart of an international multimillion dollar money laundering scheme. The female cat, who goes by the street name “Walter”, is believed to be the mastermind behind the plan.

“Don’t be fooled by their lovable appearances...these two may look sweet and innocent but they are dangerous, hardened criminals,” says a special agent from the FBI. He went on to add, “Based on our investigation, we have determined that they may not do their own laundry very often, but they sure do know how to launder cash.”



Walter is currently serving a six-month sentence under house arrest in an unnamed 3rd floor condominium unit in Juneau. With good behavior, the judge says she can be released in Gustavus in the spring.

Spud Stud Sean Neilson abdicates throne to favorite son



In September, reigning Spud Stud Sean Neilson abdicated his crown to son, Skyler Neilson. While the king and his only male heir occasionally butt heads, reports of ongoing tension between the father-son duo are wildly overblown by the media, say insiders. A former Xtrauf Estates employee admitted that the two do have different work/life balances, with Skyler often sleeping until noon, but said that overall the elder and younger Neilson get along famously, sharing a deep love for potatoes and other carbohydrates.

Alaska man recounts dizzying trip through the Twilight Zone



“One minute I was in Alaska, the next minute, Paris, then all of a sudden I found myself among the Great Pyramids of Egypt!” recounts dazed man.

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Team frees whale tangled in Christmas lights

A crackerjack team of trained responders recently freed a juvenile humpback whale that had become entangled in Christmas lights in Southeast Alaska.



In a follow-up interview with NBC news, biologist Janet Neilson explained, "This was a very complicated entanglement involving both LED and incandescent lights, with the whale initially anchored to the bottom by a 300 lb Christmas tree. This is the first time we have used our specialized training and tools to help a whale in this type of predicament."



The entanglement occurred in mid-October, shortly after stores nationwide had stocked their shelves with Christmas decorations. Neilson implored the public, "Add this to the long list of reasons why October is too early to decorate for Christmas."

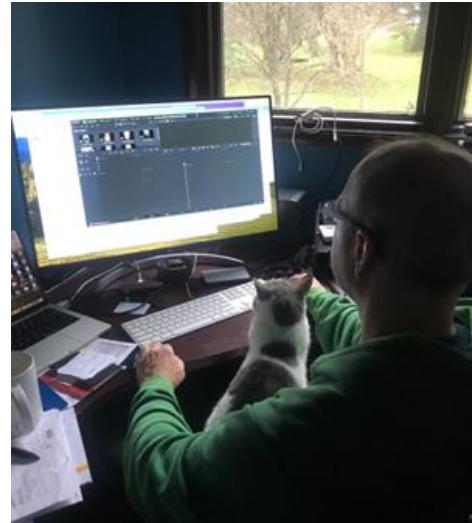
To reduce the risk of whale entanglements, Neilson recommends that families wait until December to put up their Christmas lights and trees. By then, most humpback whales have left Southeast Alaska to migrate to Hawaii and Mexico for the winter.

American Veterinary Medical Association releases screen time limits for cats

Unlike the guidelines for children, there are currently no guidelines for how much screen time cats should average on a daily or weekly basis. Experts recommend felines set healthy habits around technology, like not using phones right before bed, limiting time on social media, and not using screens while nibbling their kibble.



"The erroneous assumption is that cats can use screens responsibly on their own," explains a recent report from the American Veterinary Medical Association. "Many cats have a problem binge watching documentaries about birds and mice on Netflix." This can lead to serious conflicts in the home, especially when it prevents teenagers in the family from logging into Netflix to watch their favorite shows. The Association recommends that all felines, regardless of age, limit their screen time to 30 minutes per day, preferably under the direct supervision of a human who can help ensure they are viewing appropriate content.



The best Apple Watch alternatives for 2024

The Apple Watch is the best-selling smartwatch in the world but given that its use is limited to iPhone users, and with sales of Apple's latest models mired in an international patent dispute, many consumers are seeking alternatives. Local entrepreneur Sean Neilson is hoping to capitalize on current market conditions with the release this month of his latest invention, the "Dumb Watch v. 1".

After months of tinkering, Neilson says he has perfected the vintage design. "It comes with all the features you have come to expect from a watch, which in a nutshell means: It tells time."



The round display with 12 easy-to-read numbers arranged in a circular pattern may initially bewilder some Millennials and Gen Z'ers, but Neilson is confident the back-to-basics fad will catch on. One reviewer gushed, "It's easy to get distracted and overwhelmed by all of the high-tech features on a smartwatch. Wearing the Dumb Watch actually makes me feel smarter! All I have to focus on now is the time!"

Neilson is already hard at work designing the Dumb Watch v. 2. The next model, which targets customers who truly want a vintage look, features a classic sundial and requires no batteries. Field tests in notoriously rainy Southeast Alaska are underway, where so far the watch has only functioned properly for a few days in May and June.

...And that wraps up another year of completely unreliable news from our world!

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

with love from
Janet, Sean, Téa, Skyler, & Walter





