



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



Mitch McConnell body double discovered

In a bombshell exposé, investigative reporters have revealed that US Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell hired a body double in 2021 who frequently took his place on the Senate floor. “The



likeness is so striking that it’s no wonder no one suspected it wasn’t actually him,” said an anonymous source in Congress. The ruse was discovered only after McConnell’s double recently began making out-of-character statements indicating his sudden support for the

commission investigating the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. “The minority leader, who went out of his way to block an independent investigation, is now publicly endorsing the House select committee’s probe...so we knew something was fishy,” explained one of the reporters.

To no one’s surprise, ever since the story broke last week, the real McConnell has attempted to spin it in his favor, now blaming his doppelgänger for his dismal poll numbers rather than taking any personal responsibility. A recent Gallup poll found that over half of Republicans now disapprove of McConnell. Meanwhile, his double, identified as 10-year-old Skyler Neilson of Gustavus, Alaska, has announced that he will run against the real McConnell for his Senate seat in 2027. Neilson plans to spend the next few years raising funds for his campaign, establishing his residency in Kentucky, and lobbying for a lower minimum age to run for the Senate (currently candidates must be at least 30 years old, which Skyler thinks is really, really old.)

Latest album from Alaskan teen tops charts

Téa Neilson’s latest album cover exemplifies her growing urbanization. The artist, who recently moved from rural Gustavus to the sprawling metropolis of Juneau, has taken her fans along for the thrilling ride. “It’s been amazing to watch Téa grow and evolve her style as she moves from her rural roots to a more urban theme,” said her manager.



Neilson has an uncanny ability to make the urban transition appear effortless, as if she was born to live in a city. Her latest album, which topped the charts last month, shows that the sky’s the limit for this creative prodigy.

In a recent interview, her manager summed it up: “Forget about Miss Alaska being crowned Miss America last month. Turn off your TV and take a listen to Neilson’s latest album. It’s clear to us who the truly talented Miss Alaska is, and she ain’t wearing no crown.”

Alaskan finds car as glacier retreats

A resident of Gustavus, Alaska, adjacent to Glacier Bay National Park, reported a surprise discovery yesterday. “As I was walking through the deep snow, I saw something metallic glistening in the sun,” said Janet Neilson.



Curious, she picked up a shovel and began to dig. Several back-breaking hours later, she had excavated the object from the icy fortress that encased it and discovered her very own, long lost 2001 Subaru Outback. Compost from her children was well-preserved in the back seat, along with several random tools left behind by her Neanderthal husband.

It was such a thrilling discovery that Neilson is considering switching careers from her ho-hum job as a whale biologist to become a glacial archaeologist. “Might as well make the most of this climate change thing with the glaciers retreating!” she exclaimed to friends baffled by her new career plan.

At press time, Neilson reported her latest find: She says that it appears a boat, which she estimates to be 27 feet long, is melting from the glacier’s face near where she found the car. Stay tuned for updates as we follow this breaking story.

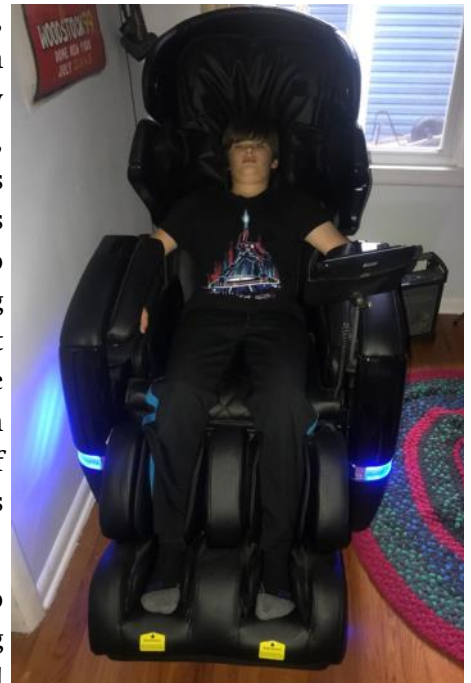


A boat-shaped mass emerges from the glacier on Wednesday. Neilson believes the front of the wheelhouse may be behind the wall of snow shown here.

Neilson joins Billionaire Space Race

Skyler Neilson, shown here at an elite training facility in Northeast Ohio, where he is preparing for his first launch into space. The budding astronaut says that his competitive streak is no match for the likes of rivals Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk.

Sources close to Neilson are rooting for him. “This kid



is tough. Even on the coldest winter days in Alaska, he refuses to wear a jacket. Bezos and Musk have no idea what they are up against,” remarked one long-time supporter.

Supply chain issues wreak havoc on Neilson's annual newsletter

While pandemic-related supply chain issues wreak havoc around the globe, the publisher of "News from Xtratuf Estates" warns that supply chain issues closer to home threaten the future of the long-running publication, now in its 14th year. "We have some redundancy built into the system that I thought would protect us from supply chain issues," explained CEO Janet Neilson. "You see, the newsletter has never relied on a single source. With two children (plus honorary third child Sean) we have always had ample material for the letter. However, as the kids have gotten older, the supply of embarrassing photos that are the bread and butter of our publication has slowed to a trickle. The kids are much savvier now whenever they see a camera pointed in their direction." Neilson has consulted with outside experts, who warn that these supply chain issues may be permanent as the children age. "For now, the newsletter is hanging on by a thread...but unless we can solve these fundamental supply chain issues soon, the prospects for next year's newsletter look bleak."



Examples of some of the uninspiring photos currently clogging the newsletter supply chain.

Sean Neilson tries to rally for the team, but his efforts have not been enough to reverse the slump.

Affordable housing unit built in Gustavus

A motley crew of construction enthusiasts banded together in summer 2021 to erect an affordable housing unit in Gustavus. Taking the popular "tiny house" trend to a new level, the boys designed a 16 square foot home that offers all of the basic necessities. They say they specialize in salvaging materials from neighborhood junk piles and turning them into functional living spaces, all while turning a blind eye to something called "OSHA". The new unit will be available for rent starting in 2022 for \$25 per month, also payable in candy installments.



Based on their success, the construction crew hopes to reunite in summer 2022 to build additional units. They are also exploring the possibility of opening an AirBnB, but they cannot agree on who would clean it between guests because none of them likes to clean. "Cleanliness is waaaay over-rated," said Skyler Neilson, who was reportedly wearing the same clothes three days in a row as he pounded nails in the hot sun. Applications for the housing unit will be accepted starting January 1. For an extra fee, the crew will furnish it with a selection of rustic furniture.

Teenager shocked to learn Tic Tac serving size



A teen in rural Alaska was recently shocked to learn that the serving size for Tic Tacs is just one tic tac. “That’s so lame!” 14-year-old Téa Neilson exclaimed after reading the nutrition information on the package. “My parents always told me to read labels, but I never listened to them. I mean, the Tic Tacs that I buy are green, which I thought was good, cuz my mom is always telling me to eat green things. But really? One tic tac is a serving!?! Come on!!!” Neilson is now using her large social media following to raise global awareness about this issue and lobby for a more realistic serving size (the whole package, duh!)

Boy sent to remedial shuffling school



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story.

...And that’s the news from our world!

Onward to 2022!

Happy Holidays

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Happy New Year!

with love from

Janet, Sean, Téa, and Skyler



A rare family photo - Eaglecrest ski area, Juneau - December 2021





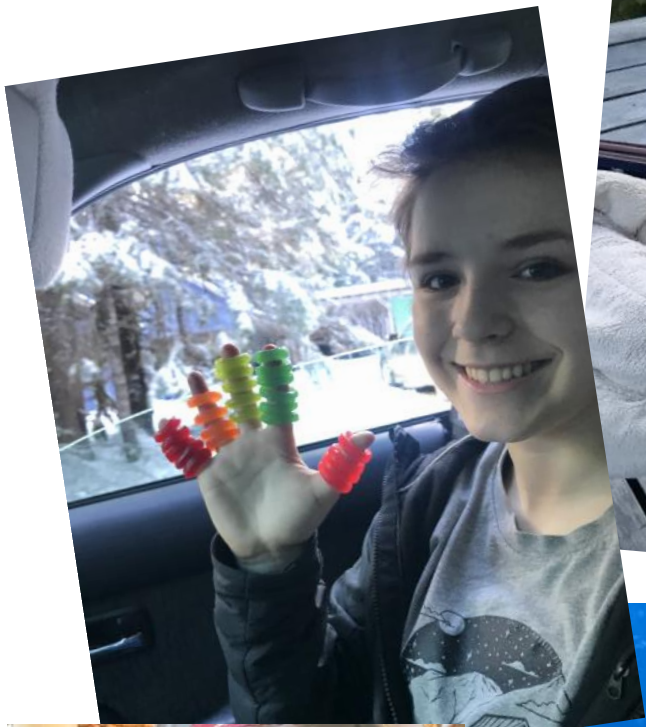
Rest in peace, Oliver. ❤️



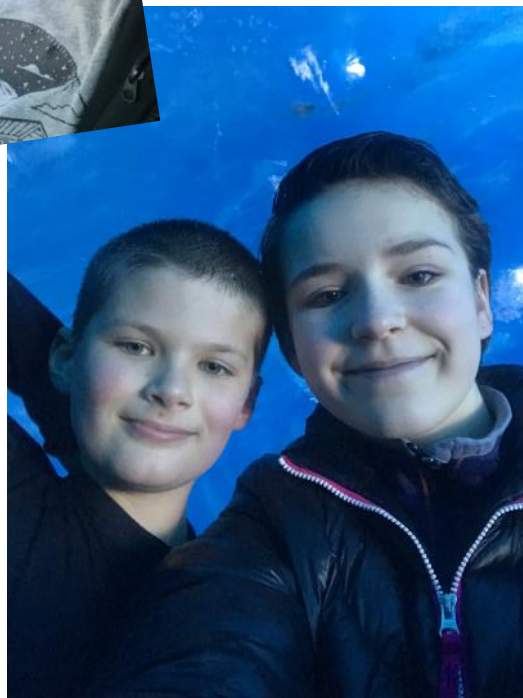
Not fake news

In August 2021, we moved to Juneau for the kids to attend school (Skyler 5th, Téa 9th).

The hiking and skiing are great and we're enjoying the big city. Gustavus is still our home, and we will be there in the summer, but for now we are based in Juneau during the school year! Visitors welcome!



With a friend's puppy



Mendenhall Glacier ice caves - March 2021



Idaho - July 2021



Delivering spruce tips - May 2021

<https://alaskamagazine.com/authentic-alaska/food-drink/spruce-tips-give-gustavus-a-boost/>