



*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.*



## Netflix Docuseries Reveals Fascinating Details of Alaska's Little Known Royal Family

Fans of the British royal family will be thrilled to learn that two long lost members of the esteemed family have been discovered living in rural Alaska. A new docuseries chronicles how Téa and Skyler Neilson have maintained a fashionable, upscale lifestyle despite being isolated from their British brethren. Elder sister Téa, who doubles as her brother's personal valet and fashion consultant, is a natural in front of the camera while her brother generally prefers to avoid the paparazzi.



The siblings' quaint lifestyle at "Xtratuf Estates" will charm and delight viewers. On the grounds of the estate, a high fence deters intruders and moose. Throughout the show, the siblings share fashion tips and reveal the surprising source of their cutting-edge style: a local thrift store.

"Though you would never guess it, the shopping here rivals the finest boutiques in New York or Paris," gushes Téa. "Anyone who is anyone knows that the best shopping on this side of the pond is in Gustavus, Alaska!"



High tea is especially popular with the royal duo because it involves eating bite-sized finger foods that require no cutlery. The Neilsons' Alaska version of this quintessentially British tradition sparked an unexpected wave of backlash and criticism from the U.K. after cameras caught Skyler's elbow on the table in Season 1.

## Park Service proposes to import penguins into Glacier Bay National Park

The National Park Service has been soliciting comments on several large management plans for Glacier Bay National Park in southeastern Alaska, including a controversial idea to import penguins into the park. At a recent public hearing, a NPS spokesperson said, "We are proposing this change for several reasons. Surveys show that 99.99% of people love penguins. Perhaps more importantly, our rangers are tired of explaining to visitors that we don't have penguins in Alaska."

Local resident and outdoor photographer Sean Neilson, a big fan of the park's Proposed Penguin Plan (PPP), says "Since penguins can't fly, I have offered my services to the park to hand-carry a few back from Antarctica the next time I go down there." He promises to transport them in his carry-on bag because of his dismal track record with checked luggage. This will limit which species he can transport (emperor and king penguins exceed airline carry-on size restrictions), but he says he should have plenty of space for a couple of Adélies or chinstraps.



The idea has sparked a reciprocal proposal with some people lobbying for Antarctica to import polar bears from Alaska. Neilson, however, has declined to offer his services for bear transport.

The deadline for submitting comments on the PPP is December 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Mystery skier remains incognito

A mysterious downhill skier regularly seen shredding the slopes at Juneau's Eaglecrest Ski Area for two years and counting continues to stump onlookers.

Several people who have ridden the chair lift with the enigmatic winter athlete say that he/she is friendly. Consistent with his/her persona, the skier's favorite trails appear to be Sneaky and Trickster.



How the anonymous skier eats remains a mystery, but he/she does not seem to be going hungry. Less than a minute after this photo was taken, the pile of fries had vanished.



## NASA's asteroid redirection mission a smashing success

News this fall of NASA's successful crash of a spacecraft into an asteroid made headlines but until now, the Planetary Defense Coordination Office had kept secret the mastermind behind the sensitive DART mission. In a surprise press release yesterday, NASA revealed that an 11-year-old engineer from Alaska, Skyler Neilson, led the highly technical operation to re-direct an asteroid from its path.

Neilson, a spring 2022 graduate of Harborview Elementary School in Juneau, Alaska, was hired to be NASA's lead Planetary Defender. In a rare interview, he explained, "Basically this means that I watch out for harmful asteroids and comets that may impact the earth and then I smash things into them as needed."



Neilson loves that he can telework from home, using a VR headset to control all operations from the comfort of his couch, which is a pet-friendly workplace.

## Family despairs over movie streaming services

Despite paying big bucks for a myriad of movie streaming services, a discouraged Alaska family laments that no matter which movie they want to watch, somehow the movie is never included for free with their paid subscriptions. “I mean, like, NEVER. What are the odds of this happening every single time we go to watch a movie?!” exclaimed an exasperated Janet Neilson, clearly at the end of her rope, though she went on to admit, “I guess we’re just the ultimate suckers, because we keep subscribing to all of these companies anyway!”

This past year, Janet started a second part-time job that involves finding free one-month trials for channels showing the movies her family wants to see, then trying to remember to cancel the subscriptions before the month ends. “So far, so good”, says Neilson, “But I don’t know how much longer I can juggle everything. I may have to quit my job as a whale biologist to keep up.”



Despondent children (above) wait on the couch while their mother spends countless hours researching how to watch a movie for free online. “Friday night family movie night” now happens on Sunday nights because it takes that long to find a movie.

The family says that they were recently approached by a reality TV show interested in doing a program about their appalling first world problems. The only catch? “Of course, we don’t subscribe to that channel, so we would have had to pay \$3.99 to watch the show that they made about us!” says Janet.

“Thanks, but no thanks!”

## Man discovered living double life between Alaska and Antarctica

A man was recently busted by his wife for leading a double life between Alaska and Antarctica. Authorities were skeptical of the woman’s claims because of the extreme lack of similarity between the two men’s appearances, however fingerprints revealed that they were indeed one and the same man.



“It’s baffling how one person can appear so differently!” said the lead detective, “And for her to love him, despite all of this. It just goes to show you that it’s what is on the inside that counts. Now that’s true love.”

## Neilson yoga studio offers new class

“Cats on Mats” is gaining popularity at the Neilson yoga studio after first being introduced in February 2022. The class is led by rescue kitty, Walter (she/her), with assistance from Sean Neilson.



Forget about downward dog, this purrfectly peaceful combination of human and cat poses combines stretching, breath work, and balance poses.

Early morning classes are Walter’s favorite but she is willing to teach on demand at any time of day.

Bonus offer!

Feline weighted blanket included free of charge with a monthly yoga membership. Why pay a premium for a fancy weighted blanket when you could have one of these? In addition to benefits like stress and anxiety reduction, the feline weighted blanket includes a free kneading massage before every use and a built-in heating element that will not fail even when the power goes out.



## “Naked and Unafraid – The Professional Guide’s Life” Returns for Season 2 on Discovery Channel

What happens when you put professional outdoor guides - sans clothes - in some of the most extreme environments on Earth? Watch season 2 of this popular show, sponsored by American Airlines, to find out more. Last season, we met Sean, an intrepid guide from Alaska who flew to Antarctica to work on an eco-expedition ship, only to find that his suitcase had missed his connection. Undeterred, he carried on with his guiding duties despite a notable lack of clothing.



Now, in season 2, Sean is back and unbelievably, so are his travel woes. Flying south for another season in Antarctica, Sean is again left naked and unafraid. While many viewers may doubt the veracity of this “reality show”, the producers (and Sean) insist that it is all true.

Spoiler alert...

Watch the season two finale to see Sean joyfully reunite with his luggage.

Bring your tissues for this truly heartwarming moment.



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

**Happy Holidays  
&**

**Happy New Year!**

*with love from  
Janet, Sean, Téa, Skyley, & Walter*



Note to self: Check the tide book before heading out for a family walk on the Gustavus beach - Christmas Day 2022.





Téa working on the Tech Crew for “Mamma Mia!”  
Sitka Fine Arts Musical Theater Camp, summer 2022



Chopping 10 pounds of onions to  
make help salsa is weepy business  
without the proper PPE.