



*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.*



FBI launches domestic probe into phone-hacking scandal

Special agents from the FBI have launched a probe in Gustavus, Alaska to determine whether a pair of siblings there might be involved in the British phone-hacking scandal. Employees of several



British tabloid newspapers have been accused of engaging in phone-hacking in the pursuit of publishing stories on celebrities, politicians and the British royal family.

Working undercover, FBI agents report that both children, whose names are being withheld to protect their privacy, appear to be mildly obsessed with the phone. They also report that the girl under investigation is preoccupied with anything to do with princesses, but it is unclear if there is a connection with the British royal family. The investigation continues.



Alaska gardening conditions by demonstrating how she manages her cold frames for an early head start each spring. The fashionable young gardener deftly mixed compost from her pet worms into the cold frames to prepare the beds for a first planting of greens. Neilson says she learned most of what she knows about gardening from her father, Sean Neilson, who earned the local name "Spud Stud" for his ability to grow enormous potatoes.



When asked about her gardening attire, Neilson explained, "Gardeners in Alaska are so boring...they all wear Carhartt's and ripped jeans! My dream is to design a line of dresses and tutus for the female gardener that are fashionable, practical and durable. I'm currently testing a polka-dot model with spaghetti straps that I have been wearing for 17 days straight...it is quick-drying, comfortable and it hides the dirt really well."

Young Alaskan earns Master Gardener certificate

A preschooler in Gustavus, Alaska has received her Master Gardener certificate after completing over 40 hours of instruction in a variety of horticultural subjects. For her final practical exam, Téa Neilson proved her familiarity with



Alaskan preschoolers celebrate repeal of "Don't ask, don't tell"

When two young Alaskan girls learned of the U.S. military's repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell", the pair decided to show their support for the move by holding a pretend same-sex wedding. Téa wore a



green and blue sarong, most of which was wrapped around her head, turban style. Her partner, Marina, wore a unicorn outfit topped off with a brunette wig. The two girls pledged to love each other forever and ever. An elaborate reception was held afterwards, followed by a karaoke party at the Neilson residence. Téa hammed it up for friends and family, singing show tunes late into the night.



Baby in a daze after sister breaks record for most number of kisses given to a baby brother

The Guinness Book of World Records reports that a 4-year-old girl in Gustavus, Alaska has shattered previous records for the most number of kisses given to a baby brother in a 24-hour period. At the beginning of the day, Téa Neilson's baby brother, Skyler, appeared to be enjoying the process, as shown below. However, as the day wore on,



Tea party rally held in Gustavus

Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry stopped by a tea party rally in Gustavus, Alaska to try and garner support from the nation's northernmost state.



he occasionally appeared smothered in sisterly love as Téa showered him with exuberant kisses. By early evening, Skyler went into a daze as Téa picked up the pace, leaving no doubt that she would break the previous world record.



While he was there, he asked two young undeclared voters for their support. He promised to protect Alaska residents from an unstable neighbor in North Korea, to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil, but he couldn't remember the third thing he had wanted to promise. Oops.



Facebook users react to recent "upgrades"

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Rural Alaska's Dancing Queen

Season 13 of *Dancing With The Stars* wrapped up with the a bang. Ms. Téa Neilson of Gustavus, Alaska, and her partner came from behind to win the coveted Mirrorball Trophy. They faced some serious competition, but all of the young girl's practice at home paid off when the duo earned a

standing ovation for an energetic disco dance set to ABBA's 1976 hit song, "Dancing Queen". Neilson was a fan favorite throughout the season with her elaborate costume changes and broad dance repertoire. In a recent interview, she said, "It's hard to say which



dance style is my favorite...I would have to say that the tango is the most "me" because it is so dramatic, but I also love to disco!"



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Téa's younger brother, Skyler, attended the *Dancing With The Star's* finale in disguise to avoid the paparazzi.

Invasive species update

Botanists tracking invasive species in Southeast Alaska have discovered the reason for a dandelion "hotspot" on Tong Road in Gustavus. A young resident confessed that, for as long as she can remember, she has been collecting dandelions from all over the town and bringing them to her family's property. Her dandelion hoarding problem came to a head in June, when her parents discovered a container into which the girl had lovingly saved hundreds of dandelion flowers. The family was recently



contacted by the popular television show, *Hoarders*, because they are interested in featuring the child in a special episode focused on people who hoard things from nature. The show will also feature people who hoard interesting rocks and pretty sea shells.



Toddler Fashion Tips for 2012

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Fans stunned as Oprah announces last show

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...And that's the news from our world.
We hope 2012 proves to be as newsworthy!

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year ~

with love from Janet, Sean, Téa & Skyler



Skyler Robert Carl Neilson - born April 1, 2011

