



*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.*



## Neilson announces plans to build local border wall

In a recent press conference held in the Gustavus school gym, 10-year-old Téa Neilson announced that she will build a border wall between her and Skyler's bedrooms. In a long and rambling speech, in which she appeared to frequently diverge from the teleprompter, Neilson touted the many benefits of a future wall. Critics in the audience pointed out that the fragile Neilson household ecosystem would be disrupted by the wall, including sensitive wildlife such



as a rare black cat that has been caught on game cameras making frequent trips between the bedrooms. However Neilson firmly dismissed the reports of the rare feline as fake news. She defiantly declared, "Believe me. It's going to be a real wall, a beautiful wall, made out many, many red, white, and blue Legos manufactured right here in the United States of America!"

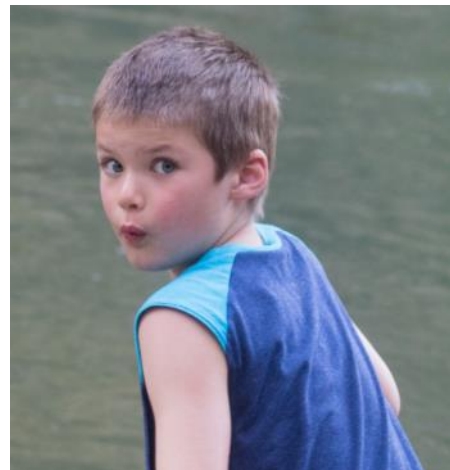
Later, when several reporters pointed out that Legos are not made in the USA, Neilson tweeted, "MORE FAKE NEWS! Oh well, I try so hard to be my brother's friend - and maybe someday that will happen, but for now I am building a fantastic wall...and I am going to make my brother pay for it!"

## Stormtroopers enlisted to protect gingerbread house from intruders



After children were caught snitching, and in some cases even licking, the candy decorating a local gingerbread house, Stormtroopers were enlisted to help protect the home from looters. Homeowner Janet Neilson told would-be intruders, "I don't care if you're cute, we'll bust you if you loot."

For now, the Stormtroopers appear to be helping curb the problem, but Neilson is still amazed at the young looters' persistence. "We tried decorating with old dried out candy, but it was no deterrent to these kids...they will eat anything!" The Neilsons are considering installing electric fencing around the gingerbread house to further reduce pilfering.



6-year-old boy (name withheld for privacy) caught in the act of looting.



## Release of gluten-free Catan leads to unexpected consequences

Health-conscious fans of the popular board game, Catan, were excited when a gluten-free version was released in 2017. The new game replaces wheat with flax and comes with an optional expansion set that includes fair trade brick, grain-fed sheep, organically grown trees, and anti-oxidant enriched rock. Other improvements include carbon-neutral cities, solar-powered settlements, and roads with bike lanes.

Sean Neilson of Gustavus, Alaska, a self-proclaimed Catan addict, began playing the new version of the game this winter when his wife encouraged him to choose healthier and more earth-friendly options. He reports that while still an avid Catan fan, he now must make several trips to the outhouse daily. "I used to give my wife a hard time for using so much toilet paper, but now I have surpassed her, thanks to all of the flax in my new Catan game." Neilson's doctors have



recommended that he curb his Catan addiction from daily games to once weekly, which he begrudgingly agreed to as he lamented, "I guess too much of a good thing can be a crappy thing."

## Animal hospital opens in Gustavus

In May, a new animal hospital opened its doors in Gustavus, Alaska. The facility offers advanced care to both wild and domestic stuffed animals. Sister Téa, the head nurse, and her assistant, Skyler, explained how they recently nursed a young lemur back to health,

"The poor thing arrived bloody and glassy-eyed, but after a few hours under our expert care, he was on the road to recovery!"



The hospital is open year-round on weekends and after school, with expanded hours during the summer months. They offer a sliding scale for patients and will accept candy in lieu of cash payments.

## Homeowner thwarts would-be basil thief

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## School playground equipment keeps kids safely out of reach of grizzly bears

Though grizzly bears frequent many rural Alaskan communities, school staff in Gustavus Alaska have rejected U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' claim that guns are needed to protect children from bears. For years, the school has touted an innovative program that combines bear safety and awareness with building strength and agility among students. Children practice a weekly drill in which everyone climbs to the top rungs of the playground equipment, where they are safely out of reach of marauding wildlife. Says one school administrator, "Though it's not what the playground equipment was designed for, we have found that it is an effective solution that is highly popular among students."



When asked for her comment on the Gustavus School's gun-free approach to bears, Secretary DeVos declined to be interviewed, explaining that schools in Alaska were not under her jurisdiction because they are not in the United States. Geography teachers across the nation flooded DeVos' office with calls and emails, suggesting that she repeat the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at any traditional public school of her choice.

## Pirate exasperated after his crew mutinies



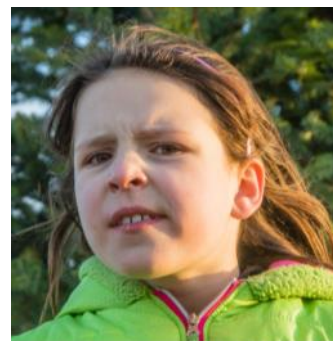
Skyler "Blackbeard" Neilson is incensed after his entire crew recently mutinied, claiming insufficient weaponry and rations. The famous pirate has promised Nerf guns and cheese sticks to anyone who enlists for his next voyage. A recruitment meeting will be held

at the Gustavus dock this Saturday at 9am. Anyone with a parrot will be given special preference.

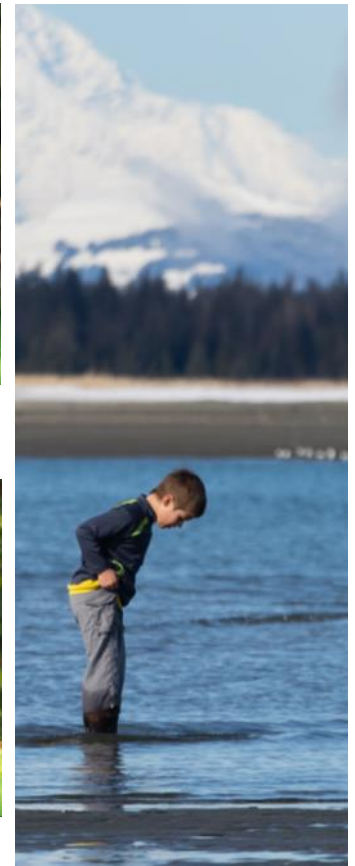
## Americans react to Trump's announcement that U.S. will withdrawal from Paris accord



"Say what?!?"



"Hold on...did I hear you correctly??"



"But I'm watching the sea level rise with my own eyes!"



# Human-ape hybrid discovered

Intrepid explorer Skyler Neilson announced this month that he had discovered a human-ape hybrid.



Photographs reveal a single, wide-ranging adolescent female, however Neilson expects to find additional specimens as his search continues. Unlike some of his previous discoveries, Neilson noted that the new species appears to be omnivorous and friendly. "I have documented this human-ape consuming a wide variety of foods. She has a significant sweet



tooth, which I suspect fuels her highly active behavior. She rarely sleeps and is remarkably alert."

Never one to shirk adventure, Neilson has a long history of brave exploration and has many death-defying stories to tell. A world-renowned tracker and bushwacker, he funds his expeditions with a weekly allowance provided by his parents, who marvel at his



ability to emerge from his frequent adventures virtually unscathed. Neilson will be giving a slideshow at the Gustavus Library next month about his latest discovery.



Neilson is famous for routinely testing the limits of common sense. A semi-finalist for the Darwin Award for several years in a row, he has yet to receive the illustrious prize.

## Tax reform bill contains real estate incentives for cats

In December, Republicans unwittingly passed a tax reform bill that contained unbelievably generous real estate tax incentives for cats. The cat provision was buried on page 3





of the 429 page tax bill, which explains why no one in Congress noticed it. “Watch out...it won’t be long before cats take over the country,” worried an unnamed source at the White House. In Alaska, one family shared their story in hopes of warning others. “Since early December when the tax bill passed, our cat has taken over everything we own. He comes and goes like he owns the place already!” By this time next year, they worry that he will.

## UFOs and alien life descend on small community

Last week an unnamed source at the Pentagon confirmed that the Department of Defense’s top secret UFO surveillance program will be officially reopened after multiple reputable sightings of UFOs and alien life in rural Alaska. The existence of the federally funded UFO detection program, which allegedly ended in 2012, was revealed in a story broken by the New York Times in December.



Now experts are poring over images taken by local photographer Sean Neilson, showing indisputable evidence of alien life descending on the small town of Gustavus. So far, the extraterrestrial visitors appear to be friendly and have sought out several children in the community with which to interact.



## Sibling entrepreneurs launch kelp wig business in Southeast Alaska



The company’s product line includes full wigs, as well as hair extensions. Customers rave about how moist their hair feels and how split ends are a thing of the past.

## Secret Service agent hired to protect local mom from paparazzi



The Secret Service has deployed special agent Téa Neilson to Gustavus, Alaska. Read the full story on page C-3.



**Under new administration, national parks' environmental education panels are whited out, leaving visitors with many questions**



An information desk staffed by local children recently opened to help bewildered visitors. Full story on page D-5.

**Travel ban fails to deter girl from traveling to Alaska to earn coveted Junior Ranger Badge**



**Rural Alaskan siblings introduced to entire Hostess product line in one sitting**

Child Protective Services was called last month after receiving a tip that two children from rural Alaska had been introduced to the entire Hostess product line in one sitting. The siblings, ages 6 and 10, were bouncing off the walls when officials arrived. Their parents



were arrested on charges of child endangerment and ordered to take online classes on healthy family eating tips, such as "Replacing Twinkies with Kale Chips in Your Child's School Lunches".

**Girl launches stand up paddle boarding business, leads tours of Salmon River in Idaho**





...And that's the news from our world!  
We hope 2018 proves to be as newsworthy.

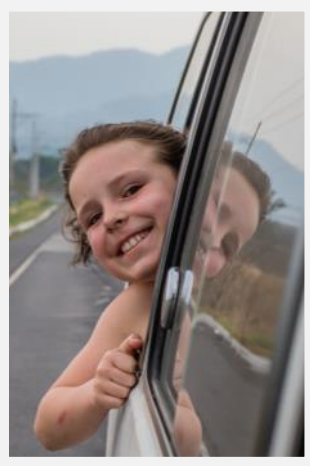
**Happy Holidays & Happy New Year ~**



*with love from Janet, Sean, Téa, and Skyler*







Guatemala - Feb 2017



Pittsburgh, PA - Oct 2017



Cleveland, OH - Oct 2017

