



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.



Child labor camps in Southeast Alaska exposed

The Alaska Department of Labor recently announced shocking results from a lengthy undercover investigation of child labor camps in the panhandle community of Gustavus. Agents were tipped off several months ago after Mr. Sean Neilson posted a “cute” photo on Facebook showing him and a young boy hard at work cutting firewood in matching outfits. In the investigation that followed, agents reported seeing children in Gustavus as young as three working long hours building houses and furniture. The children appeared to be in surprisingly good health, and to the agents’ surprise, were equipped with full PPE (personal protective equipment) such as headphones



and latex gloves. However, in a press conference on Friday, a spokesman from the Department of Labor said, “Just because they were provided with PPE does not lessen the gravity of this situation. The children of Gustavus are being exploited.” The investigation continues with several more arrests expected.



The incriminating photo posted by Mr. Neilson that started the investigation.

Boy forgets to wear pants to Junior Prom

A young boy in Gustavus, Alaska (who shall remain nameless to protect the minor’s privacy) recently suffered the most embarrassing moment of his youth when he showed up half-naked at school for his Junior Prom. Mortified, it was days before he summoned the courage to speak. “It was like living a



bad dream,” he recalled of the moment when he stood with his fashionably dressed date, only to look down and realize that he had left home sporting only his bright orange underpants.

New bathrooms installed at Gustavus beach



The City of Gustavus recently upgraded facilities at the beach with the installation of public toilets in 2014. Previously, when nature called, residents hastily sought whatever privacy they could find behind the sparse beachfront trees, while nervously keeping a sharp look out for passing cars and four-wheelers. The new commodes are eco-friendly composting models, where all are welcome to contribute their deposits while enjoying a spectacular view of the Fairweather Mountains.

Dentist attributes girl's healthy teeth to chewing habit



Full story on page A-5, *plus a coupon for \$10 off the toothbrush that her true story inspired!*



Siblings open new business leading hikes

A brother and sister in Gustavus, Alaska have teamed up to launch a new business leading hikes around Glacier Bay National Park. Lead naturalist Téa Neilson explains, “We offer visitors a unique opportunity to explore nature. No hikes will be longer than one mile and snack breaks are offered every five minutes or more often if needed.” Her younger brother, Skyler, will serve as lead navigator as they guide groups off-trail on their favorite



routes. The siblings look forward to focusing on the venture full-time during the summer of 2015, once school is out of session. They guarantee an entertaining adventure or their fee will be refunded in full.

Fire Chief hired in Gustavus

Last week, the Gustavus City Council approved the appointment of Skyler Neilson as the new Fire Chief for the Gustavus Volunteer Fire Department. The three-year-old boy is the youngest Fire Chief ever hired in the community. Several council members expressed hope that at his young age, Skyler had many decades of potential employment in him, and that he might have some longevity in the



position. One of the other strengths that Neilson brings to the position, in addition to his youthful energy, is a long history of night wakings, which he says have uniquely prepared him for responding to 911 calls, which are often late at night and in the wee early morning hours.

Neilson says that he is grateful to be leading such a dedicated and hardworking group of volunteers. He has instituted one change in protocol at the department; every time an emergency vehicle leaves the fire hall, it will be using full lights and sirens, with no exceptions. When asked why he was instituting this change in a community that values peace and quiet, Neilson exclaimed with his charismatic smile, “The wights and sirens are awesome!”

Girl trades college fund for American Girl doll collection

After the stock market topped out over 18,000 Ms. Téa Neilson of Gustavus, Alaska decided to check her college fund portfolio. She was astonished to see how much the account was now worth and after



some quick math, decided that she had enough to purchase the entire American Girl doll collection – all 62 of them! She reflected that, “Sure, college might be fun, and increase my earning potential by 1.19 million dollars over a 40 year timespan, but what will that do for me NOW?! I’m goin’ for the dolls.” Her brother, Skyler, astutely reflected that if she purchased the entire collection and stashed it in a safe location until she was ready for college that the collection would appreciate at a higher rate than any of the major stock indices.

New snow plowing contract for Gustavus

For the winter of 2014-15, the City of Gustavus has awarded a new snow plowing contract to a group of industrious students at the Gustavus Community Preschool. Roads will be plowed every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as needed, unless there is enough snow to go sledding, in which case workers will be unavailable. Crew foremen Skyler Neilson and Bay White recently practiced their skills and tuned up equipment while waiting for snow.



Child growing so fast she no longer fits in house

Téa Neilson, a seven-year-old in Gustavus, Alaska, is growing so fast that she no longer fits in her house. In a recent interview, she lamented, “Just last week, I easily fit through this doorway...now I am bumping my head!” Neilson’s doctor has advised her parents to stop feeding the girl so much healthy food, even going so far as to recommend that they try increasing her intake of processed foods and



sugary cereals. Her doctor also speculated that she might be getting too much sleep, and recommended rousing the girl after six or seven hours, instead of allowing her the twelve hours of slumber that she prefers. In the meantime, Neilson's parents are planning modifications to their home to accommodate their daughter's rapid growth.

Sneak peek at upcoming episode of "SURVIVOR Glacier Bay: Siblings"



Synopsis:

Sister hoards gummy bears but brother not as clueless as he looks. She tries offering him an apple, thinking she is so clever, at which brother begins collecting objects to throw at her. Will these siblings figure out a way to reconcile? Tune in Saturday from 8-9pm AK standard time to find out.

Boy reports rare bird sighting

Details on page B-1



Children's fashion tips for 2015



Full story on page C-6

Fashionable “carrot people” discovered growing in local garden

More on page D-2



...And that's the news from our world!
We hope 2015 proves to be as newsworthy.

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year ~
with love from Janet, Sean, Téa & Skyler





First day of school, fall 2014



