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Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during a news conference July 12 after the NATO Summit in Vilnius, Lithuania.

POLITICS

Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau defends military spending after criticism from Alaska Sen. Sullivan

Riley Rogerson
Anchorage Daily News

WASHINGTON — Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau defended his country's military spending after Alaska Sen. Dan Sullivan criticized the nation for not "pulling its weight."

NATO allies are expected to direct 2% of their GDP to defense, and Canada spent 1.29% in 2022. Sullivan has been a vocal critic of Canada's military budget and called the country out during a Wednesday confirmation hearing for President Joe Biden's nominee to lead the North American Aerospace Defense Command, which Canada and the U.S. share.

Sullivan, a Marine Corps reservist and member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, referred to a Wall Street Journal editorial that called Canada's defense commitment "feeble" and suggested Trudeau should have sat at a "junior table" at the NATO summit this month.

"Americans get frustrated when our allies don't pull their weight," Sullivan said. "With regard to NATO, Canada's not even close to pulling its weight."

Trudeau defended Canada's military spending record and outlined its engagement with NORAD and NATO in response to reporters' questions Thursday about Sullivan's comments.

"We've invested massively in NORAD modernization just earlier this year. We're continuing to step up in our NATO commitments," Trudeau said.

"We're going to continue to step up in this time of increased concerns around security everywhere around the world," he said.

This month, the 31 NATO allies pledged to spend "at least" 2% of GDP on the military. Last year, seven member countries directed at least 2% of their GDP to defense spending.

Senior fellow Kathleen McInnis of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, said it would take "significant" investments from Canada to hit the goal. Though Canada has the sixth-largest defense budget in NATO, the parliamentary budget office estimated the country would have to spend between $13 billion and $18 billion in Canadian dollars per year for five years to reach the target.

"As I understand the Canadian debate, it would require either doing some significant deficit spending, or increasing revenues or cutting expenditures on other programs," McInnis said.

According to a Washington Post report, a leaked secret Pentagon assessment said that Trudeau privately told a NATO official that Canada will not meet the military spending target.

Earlier this month, NATO allies attended an annual summit in Vilnius, Lithuania. There, Trudeau said, Canada pushed for more support for Ukraine and ensuring Sweden has a direct path to membership.

Sullivan also attended the summit, where he repeatedly called on member nations, Canada in particular, to up their spending. He also led a letter to Biden urging him to press allies to hit the 2% target.

Sullivan has argued that when NATO countries fail to hit their target military spending, it weakens support for the alliance and, by extension, U.S. support for Ukraine.

"This is from a friend of Canada's, some tough love because this has the potential to undermine American support, not only for Ukraine aid but the longer-term endurance of NATO. When we see that countries that are rich — and Canada is a very rich country — they're not pulling their weight," he said in an interview Thursday.

TRAVEL

Sea-Tac Airport just set a passenger record — and wait times are soaring too

Alison Saldanha
The Seattle Times

If it feels like flying out of Seattle is more arduous than ever lately, you're not alone — with the highs of summer come the lows of travel.

This summer, the average wait times in security lines at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport during peak travel hours are longer than they were before the COVID-19 pandemic.

While passenger traffic this year is still lower than in 2019, Sea-Tac recorded its busiest day in airport history Monday, in part thanks to Taylor Swift fans heading home after concerts last weekend.

Travelers passing through Sea-Tac at peak times this June and July spent about half an hour getting through security, according to data from the Port of Seattle provided to The Seattle Times. In 2019, before the pandemic-led air travel crash, the peak average wait time was 20 minutes.

Peak hours at Sea-Tac run from 4 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the most traffic between 5 a.m. and noon.

Aside from the average, the maximum wait time passengers spent in line for a security check at any point in June was more than an hour and a half. That's the longest wait time recorded since weather-related delays caused maximum wait times to hit new highs in November and December.

Wait times are usually far below those maximums throughout the day. Still, it's a palpable increase from a max of 35 minutes in January.

On the whole, fewer travelers are waiting less than 20 minutes at Sea-Tac's security checkpoints this year. For the first time in four years, less than 80% of travelers spent less than half an hour going through security. Less than half spent less than 20 minutes.

Sea-Tac has the sixth-longest wait times among all airports in the country, according to a study on airport wait times by luggage storage company Bounce released in June.

For those looking to avoid high wait times, consider booking flights outside the peak hours of 4 a.m. to 2 p.m. If that's not possible, consider using TSA Precheck or Clear, or planning ahead with SEA Spot Saver, the Port's free appointment system for security screenings.

So, does the growth in wait times since their pandemic lows mean air travel has bounced back? Not quite, Sea-Tac Airport spokesperson Perry Cooper said.

Passenger volumes are rising with a record cruise season this year, but traffic is still lighter than in 2019, when the airport recorded its busiest year ever.

"If you and I walk in through there, we're not going to notice the difference, but we're still down 5% to 6% from 2019, or 1% to 2% right now in the summer," Cooper said.

From June to mid-July, the average number of passengers screened each day by the Transportation Security Administration was about 63,000; in 2019 it was about 64,000. The Port of Seattle, which operates the airport, projects a full return to 2019 levels in 2024.

As numbers rise, so will the challenges that come with Sea-Tac's small footprint, which doesn't allow for adding new security checkpoints.

Even with all checkpoints and lanes open, the airport can only push through so many passengers an hour. As airlines accommodate more passengers by adding larger aircraft to their fleets, more passengers can fly during the morning peak hours. Yet only so many can fit through, and backups have a domino effect.

"All our checkpoints lead to all gates, and that's how we're a little bit different from other airports," Cooper said. "On the one hand, it's convenient but on the other, without multiple terminals, we can't separate folks to other areas.

"We just don't have the space."

On Monday, after over 140,000 Taylor Swift fans broke a Lumen Field attendance record last weekend, Sea-Tac recorded its busiest day in airport history. With a volume of 73,651 passengers, the day eclipsed the previous high of 72,154 recorded in August 2019. Yet, wait times did not peak.

"Quite honestly, we didn't see big wait times at all on Monday, even though we had a record day," Cooper said.

Apart from passenger volumes, a major factor affecting wait times is staffing for shuttle buses, airline check-ins and security lanes. Technical problems with screening equipment, although less common, also create delays.

"The airport is not immune to the staffing shortages we're facing across the country," Cooper said. "Ideally, we want to have all of our lanes open during the peak periods and from a scheduling standpoint, that's what TSA and all of us here at the airport are trying to manage."

The number of open lanes to each of the Port's five security checkpoints heavily depends on TSA staffing, which has faced a crunch since the pandemic. While TSA has added more staffers for Sea-Tac, the Port says it still needs more.

WILDLIFE

Anchorage biologist finds black bear snoozing in eagle nest on JBER

Helena Wegner
McClatchy News

An Anchorage biologist this month discovered a small black bear curled up in a bald eagle nest during a survey at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

"At first, my mind was trying to make it into a baby eagle … perhaps with its wings spread or something. Then I realized it was a small bear sleeping there," wildlife biologist Steve Lewis said by email Thursday.

Lewis was in a helicopter conducting an eagle nest productivity survey for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on July 17 when he spotted the bear in a nest that measured about 6 feet wide.

There were no bald eagles — just the napping bear.

Lewis said there are many reasons the bear could've ended up in the nest.

It could have been attracted to a "smelly" nest, he said. Bald eagles bring eaglets food including salmon and other fish.

As the eaglets get older, the parents will leave the food in the nest for them, Lewis said.

"Often that food isn't entirely consumed and ends up getting stomped into the nest or lying on the side and rotting," he said.

However, Lewis said he suspects the nest failed in the spring.

A bald eagle was seen incubating an egg in the spring. But when they surveyed the nest a week later, the egg was left alone and both the male and female eagles were nearby.

"Usually when she takes a break, the male will incubate (especially in a relatively cool place like AK). So I suspected it had failed in the spring," he wrote.

If it wasn't attracted to the smells, the bear also could have made a bed high in the tree to stay safe from other animals, like bigger brown bears known to be nearby, Lewis said.

It's also not uncommon for black bears to climb to the tops of cottonwood trees during the spring, where they snack on the "sticky and sweet buds," he said.

"This leads me to think that these bears are used to being up in the trees at other times," Lewis said.

In the past, bears have caused eagle nests to fail in the area, Lewis said, but it's not clear how often it happens.

NORTHWEST

5 injured in shooting at Seattle parking lot; police say no immediate arrests

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Five people were wounded in a shooting at a Seattle parking lot during which the police chief said "dozens and dozens of rounds" were fired. There were no immediate arrests, and a police investigation was ongoing.

Three people — all in their 20s — remained hospitalized Saturday, though one of them was expected to be discharged later in the day, according to Harborview Medical Center spokesperson Susan Gregg. A fourth person was treated and released.

A fifth person was treated at the scene, Seattle Police Chief Adrian Diaz said.

The Seattle Police Department responded to reports of a shooting around 9 p.m. Friday. It took place in an area where police said a community outreach event was being held.

"We know that there's dozens and dozens of rounds that were fired," said Diaz, who noted police were not sure of a possible motive.

"Right now, we've really got to get guns off the streets," Diaz said, adding that the number of shootings in the city has fluctuated but remains an issue.

Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell thanked community members and police at the scene for working together to protect residents.

"These community leaders are putting literally their lives on the line to protect their own community," Harrell said. "But you see what we're trying to build here in Seattle with these fine officers working with these fine community leaders, trying to protect their babies here, trying to protect our youth."

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Poll: Sharp partisan divide over sympathy with striking writers and actors

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LOS ANGELES — The historic labor dispute paralyzing Hollywood is not, on its face, a partisan issue.

Artificial intelligence and residuals on streaming platforms — the most divisive issues in contract negotiations between the studios and unions representing writers and actors — do not map neatly onto the left-right political spectrum.

But there is a strong partisan divide in how Americans view the strikes, according to a new poll for the Los Angeles Times: People who said they voted for President Joe Biden in 2020 were much more likely to side with the striking actors and writers than people who said they voted for former President Donald Trump, according to the poll, which was conducted for The Times by Leger, a Canada-based polling firm with experience in U.S. surveys.

Neither Biden nor Trump voters had particularly warm feelings about the entertainment and media corporations represented by the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers: Ten percent of Trump voters and 6% of Biden voters said they sided with the companies, according to the Times/Leger poll.

But 49% of Biden voters said they were more sympathetic to the writers, actors and their unions, while just 27% of Trump voters said the same.

That's not surprising, given that Hollywood often plays the bogeyman in right-wing political discourse.

"All else being equal, the fact that actors and writers are artists would make them especially unpopular with the political right," said Gabriel Rossman, a UCLA professor of sociology. The right tends to identify the elite "as a cultural elite rather than a financial elite," Rossman said.

Screenwriters represented by the Writers Guild of America went on strike May 2 and actors represented by SAG-AFTRA joined the picket lines in mid-July, grinding most production to a halt. The first double strike of writers and actors since 1960 has triggered broader economic pain in Los Angeles, where restaurants, real estate agents and even local dry cleaners are all feeling the rippling effects.

The picket lines have become a popular stop for California Democratic candidates as well as occasional Republicans. Biden also called for fair pay and benefits for the striking writers and actors. As a former reality TV star, Trump was actually a longtime SAG-AFTRA member, though he resigned from the guild after the union brought disciplinary action over his alleged role in inciting the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol.

A roughly equal number of Biden and Trump voters, 31% and 30%, respectively, said they were equally sympathetic to both sides in the dispute. But Biden voters were much more likely to have an overall opinion, with nearly twice as many Trump voters saying they didn't have an opinion.

The most obvious explanation for the political disparity is also the simplest one: Democrats have generally been the party of organized labor, while Republicans tend to view unions less favorably.

Democrats have made organized labor a central part of their coalition since at least the New Deal, Rossman noted.

But whom the striking unions represent is also salient to the partisan divide, particularly during a moment when politics have become polarized around social and cultural issues, rather than economics, Rossman said.

Attitudes about cultural capital likely play into how Americans perceive the striking actors and their work.

A plurality of respondents, 45%, said they saw actors in general as "people doing their work like anybody else," while 38% characterized them as "part of a privileged elite."

But that view diverged sharply along political lines, with 61% of Biden voters identifying actors as ordinary workers, while 55% of Trump voters categorized them as part of the privileged elite.

City dwellers, a heavily Democratic group, were also more likely to see actors as ordinary workers, while rural residents, predominantly Republican, were more likely to view them as part of a privileged group.

Attitudes about the relative privilege of actors also strongly matched broader opinions about the strike, with a majority of people who saw actors as ordinary workers siding with the unions. Less than a third of respondents who saw actors as privileged sympathized with the unions.

Professional acting is often synonymous with celebrity in the public consciousness, at least among people who aren't personally familiar with a call sheet. But the average actor in Los Angeles is far more likely to be a member of the creative underclass, squeezing in auditions between shifts at a service job, than a wealthy star.

More than 87% of SAG-AFTRA's 160,000 members do not bring in the minimum amount of income — $26,470 — required to qualify for the union's health insurance, according to the union.

Brent Sexton, a character actor who has steadily worked in Hollywood over the last two decades but is far from a household name, described the paradox in a recent interview.

"I think a lot of people think that most actors have it easy. They don't know the day-to-day hustle. They don't know the rejection," said Sexton, who is best known for his work in HBO's "Deadwood," NBC's "Life" and AMC's "The Killing."

"They don't know everything it entails to try to have a career in this business and the constant work that is required. There's just been a steady degradation of the ability to make a living."

Ultimately, despite the partisan split in how the public views the double strike, the issues in dispute have little to do with the partisan culture wars, said Steven J. Ross, a professor of history at USC and author of several books about Hollywood and labor history.

"It's a traditional labor-capital battle," Ross said. "And whether it was the 1880s or the 2020s, it's the same basic idea: 'We want better wages, better conditions.'"

From the time Samuel Gompers founded the American Federation of Labor in 1886, every strike has, at its core, been about the same basic issue: what constitutes a fair share of the profit for workers, Ross said.

New technologies that upset previous models and revenue metrics complicate those fights, since they raise questions about what kind of profits are actually being made. Those debates have played a major role in Hollywood labor divisions for decades, with unions fighting over residuals from movie reruns, home videos and now streaming.

What makes this strike different, Ross said, is the "existential threat" that artificial intelligence poses to many Hollywood jobs.

"This isn't about just reducing wages and reducing hours and how many episodes, this is about simply replacing you with artificial intelligence," the historian said.

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Driver Jose Viveros delivers beverages in the Little Tokyo district of Los Angeles on July 27. On Friday, the U.S. government issued the July jobs report. The labor market has added jobs at a steady clip in the past year, despite efforts by the Federal Reserve to cool the economy.

Fewer Americans got jobs in July than expected, but a steady market suggests US may avoid recession

Paul Wiseman and Rodrique Ngowi
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The job market has cooled over the summer. But it's still strong enough to defy predictions that higher interest rates would tip the United States into recession.

U.S. employers added 187,000 jobs last month, fewer than expected. But the unemployment rate dipped to 3.5% in a sign that the job market remains resilient.

Hiring was up from 185,000 in June, a figure that the Labor Department revised down from an originally reported 209,000. Economists had expected to see 200,000 new jobs in July.

Still last month's hiring was solid, considering that the Federal Reserve has raised its benchmark interest 11 times since March 2022. And the Fed's inflation fighters will welcome news that more Americans entered the job market last month, easing pressure on employers to raise wages to attract and keep staff.

"This is a good strong report," said Julia Pollak, chief economist at the jobs website ZipRecruiter. "The worst fears that people had of a painful downturn, a loss of jobs, longer unemployment durations, all those things — those are not coming to pass."

Unemployment fell to a notch above a half century low as 152,000 Americans entered the job force. The number of unemployed fell by 116,000.

Despite the influx of workers, average hourly wages rose 0.4% from June and 4.4% from a year earlier — numbers that were hotter than expected and are likely to worry the Fed.

The Labor Department revised payroll figures down for both May and June, reducing the number of jobs created in those months by 49,000. With the revisions, June and July were "the two weakest monthly gains in two-and-a-half years," noted Paul Ashworth, chief North America economist at Capital Economics.

In July, health care companies added 63,000 jobs. But temporary help jobs — often seen as a sign of where the job market is headed — fell by 22,000. And factories cut 2,000 jobs.

Eugene Lupario, who owns the SVS Group staffing firm in Oakland, California, is seeing signs of a labor market slowdown — though certain businesses, such as restaurants and bars, are still hiring aggressively. "Interest rates have had an impact," he said. Banks and home lenders have been hit hard by higher borrowing costs and aren't looking for much help. "They're not getting new loans. They're not getting refis," Lupario said. "Because rates are where they are, nobody's going out there and buying first or second homes right now."

And he said that some of the pandemic hiring frenzy has receded. "During COVID, a nurse, an RN, could ask for and get $100 an hour," Lupario said. But hospitals are "not paying $100 an hour anymore. They're paying pre-COVID rates at $75 to $85 an hour. Those same nurses that were making 100 bucks an hour are sitting on the sidelines maybe waiting for somebody to offer them $100 an hour, not realizing that they're probably not going to get it."

The U.S. economy and job market have repeatedly confounded predictions of an impending recession. Increasingly, economists are expressing confidence that inflation fighters at the Federal Reserve can pull off a rare "soft landing" — raising interest rates just enough to rein in rising prices without tipping the world's largest economy into recession. Consumers are feeling sunnier too: The Conference Board, a business research group, said that its consumer confidence index last month hit the highest level in two years.

"These numbers," acting Labor Secretary Julie Su said after the jobs report came out, "are inconsistent with recession."

There's other evidence the job market, while still healthy, is losing momentum. The Labor Department reported Tuesday that job openings fell below 9.6 million in June, lowest in more than two years. But, again, the numbers remain unusually robust: Monthly job openings never topped 8 million before 2021. The number of people quitting their jobs — a sign of confidence they can find something better elsewhere — also fell in June but remains above pre-pandemic levels.

The Fed wants to see hiring cool off. Strong demand for workers pushes up wages and can force companies to raise prices to make up for the higher costs.

The U.S. labor market "is now cooling in a gradual and orderly fashion in line with the policy goals at the Federal Reserve, which points to a growing probability of a soft landing for the economy," said Joe Brusuelas, chief economist for the tax and accounting firm RSM. "Demand for labor remains solid but is clearly cooling compared to the torrid pace in 2021 and 2022."

Many businesses continue to struggle to find workers.

In New Hampshire, the unemployment rate was 1.8% in June, tied with South Dakota for the nation's lowest. "The labor market is very tight in this area," said Jeff Winslow, general manager at DiPrizio Pine Sales, a sawmill in Middleton, New Hampshire, near the Maine border that employs 50 workers and could use a few more. "The competition is very difficult to keep up with."

Struggling US sectors trim work hours rather than slash payrolls

Augusta Saraiva
Bloomberg

U.S. employers in struggling sectors such as manufacturing are reducing hours rather than resorting to aggressive job cuts, with flashbacks to recent labor shortages that challenged so many companies.

The average number of weekly hours for nonsupervisory workers in manufacturing slipped last month to 40.6, matching the lowest since the early days of the pandemic, the government's jobs report showed Friday.

The latest data available for the truck transportation industry show the fewest hours worked since 2020, while weekly hours at warehouses stand at a one-year low.

Manufacturing and transportation are among industries struggling for traction as many consumers change their spending patterns from goods back to services. U.S. factory activity has contracted for nine months and freight activity has slowed.

Despite recent woes, goods-focused companies have gone only so far in trimming payrolls. While manufacturers and transportation firms alike have largely scaled back hiring plans since last year, employment growth in those industries has merely stagnated.

"While business has slowed in some industries, employers are largely reluctant to let workers go out of fears that rehiring may be difficult when the economy reaccelerates," Bill Adams, chief economist for Comerica Bank, said in a note. "That's translating into a pullback in the average workweek."

The average workweek for all nonsupervisory workers — which includes a majority of U.S. workers who aren't in management positions — held at 33.8 last month, matching the lowest since April 2020.

Some may view that as cracks forming in the job market, but Omair Sharif, president and founder of Inflation Insights, notes that hours worked are merely normalizing.

"While the workweek has clearly moderated from the roughly 34.5 hours in early 2021, it still looks quite healthy when compared to the pre-COVID average," he said.

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88 Double Happiness LLC d/b/a Bernie's Bungalow Lounge, located at 626 D Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 is applying for the transfer of a Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor license (License # 3781) and three Duplicate Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor licenses (Licenses # 4425, 5731 and 5732) to Northland Soy Products, Inc. d/b/a Bernie's Bungalow Lounge. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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OPEN & SHUT

Peggy's Restaurant closes after decades, and Anchorage gets a bar on wheels and a new spirits shop

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Open & Shut is an ongoing series looking at the comings and goings of businesses in Southcentral Alaska. If you know of a business opening or closing in the area, send a note to reporter Alex DeMarban at alex@adn.com with "Open & Shut" in the subject line.

Shut

Peggy's Restaurant: This Anchorage institution famous for its pies closed last Sunday. Its history dates back nearly 80 years to the World War II era.

Family members of owner Nancy Burley, who ran the restaurant near the Merrill Field airport for 35 years, say they finally convinced her to retire at the age of 72. Her joints sometimes ached from arthritis and long days at the restaurant, said Crystal Vicente, her daughter.

"We want her to enjoy her life," Vicente said. "You never know when God will say it's time to come home."

Burley said she reluctantly agreed to step down, and is now focused on picking raspberries and making jam. "I'm not getting younger," Burley said in a phone interview. "But I miss all my customers and all the people who supported me over the years."

The day before Peggy's closed, Burley was upstairs making blueberry, rhubarb and peanut butter pies with longtime employee Pam Wiswell.

The warm kitchen smelled like butter and sugar. A window let in a breeze and gave a view of the prominent Peggy's sign outside the pink building, and the airport control tower at Merrill Field.

A longtime customer, Curt Woodard, took his time eating a slice of cherry pie with vanilla ice cream at the bar. He pointed to a bar stool across the way and said for 25 years, that had been his seat.

Three generations of Burley's family worked there. Burley's granddaughter, Shelnila Santos, 30, helped with cooking last Saturday.

"It's kind of heartbreaking," Santos said. "It's hard, but I know that it's gonna be good for my grandmother to get some rest."

The diner's history started around 1945, when the late Margaret "Peggy" Lott and others opened a pie-focused restaurant. At the time, Anchorage was booming after the construction of the Fort Richardson U.S. Army post. The restaurant dished up meals for flight crews and passengers at Merrill Field, Anchorage's first true airport.

Burley purchased the restaurant in 1988 with her late husband Mike Burley, and kept the pie-making tradition alive, said Vicente, the restaurant's bookkeeper.

Burley, who still works out daily at a gym, cherished her longtime customers, Vicente said. Burley delivered restaurant meals to aging customers' homes, paid last respects at their funerals, and reopened at night for civic clubs.

"We have lots of memories," Burley said.

Vicente said the family has sold the restaurant's property, but not the business. They're looking at keeping Peggy's legacy alive with a food truck serving up pies.

Burn & Bloom: This downtown Anchorage yoga studio is closing next month after five years, said owner AlisaMarie Selvaggio.

Selvaggio said her business was growing and it was a difficult decision to close the studio at 325 Barrow St. She said a business next door expanded to the studio's adjoining wall and that disrupted the peace needed for a yoga studio, she said.

"I could no longer give my students the intimate, magical space we had," Selvaggio said.

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Bar Hounds: A pair of longtime bartenders hatched this idea for a bar on wheels after becoming friends while working at Williwaw Social in downtown Anchorage.

Branislav "Bane" Hasovic and Nicole Smith wanted to figure out how to "bring bartending to the people," in the words of Smith. "This is our dream coming true," Hasovic said.

Bar Hounds, employing a 16-foot trailer newly shipped from China, will make cocktails and mocktails and serve drinks at events along the Alaska road system, from Homer to Fairbanks and beyond.

The two-level trailer comes with a full-service bar, fold-down walls that become a floor, exterior lights, and a generator to power the freezer, fridge and ice machine. A spiral staircase leads to a rooftop deck.

The friends announced their opening Aug. 2 on Instagram. They plan to serve at weddings, corporate gatherings, concerts and other events, including birthday parties — with Shirley Temples and other non-alcoholic drinks for kids.

"The thing I love about it most is you're not limited like a brick-and-mortar (bar) where you have to stick to a certain theme," Smith said. "You can do a tiki bar, a Barbie bar, a Star Wars bar. We can make that happen, from five people to 400 people. We can go crazy with smoked cocktails and wow people, or we can just do beer and wine."

Anchorage-based Barhounds can't buy the liquor — they have no liquor license. They can make and serve the drinks and plan drink menus, a role known as a "dry hire" in the bartending business. They provide the fixings, like cocktail ice, glasses and mixing ingredients.

They're already looking at expanding. They want to create a custom portable bar for indoor events this winter. Part of their goal is opening minds to "cocktail culture" and trends like edible foam clouds that float above drinks, Smith said.

Snowy Berry Cafe: Amanda Solis started out selling treats like homemade cocoa bombs at a table on weekends in the Midtown Mall hallway.

Sales were brisk, so she moved into a kiosk and made another upgrade in July, opening a storefront in the mall.

Snowy Berry Cafe serves sandwiches and handcrafted treats that receive the Made in Alaska seal, like puff pastries, meringue cookies and chocolate chip cookies. She also sells her own tea mixes, floral-themed Italian sodas, boba tea and imported chocolates.

Solis and her family moved to Alaska two years ago. They didn't like the heat in Florida where her husband, Javier Solis, now a veteran, had served in the U.S. Air Force.

When they're not hiking outdoors, the whole family is often working at the shop, including Sophie, 13, and Kyle, 12.

Canada Goose: This Toronto-based retailer, selling luxury Arctic outerwear, opened its only Alaska location in May in the Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall downtown.

The international chain launched in 1957. Canada Goose gear sells parkas, rainwear, waterproof sneakers and other gear.

The store is located at Level 2 in the mall, across from Bath & Body Works, according to a statement from the mall. Canada Goose apparel is also sold at Big Ray's outfitter stores in Anchorage.

Allocated: Two whiskey connoisseurs opened this spirits shop at the former 36th Avenue Liquor store in Spenard, which had closed its doors earlier this year.

Allocated sells an extensive variety of whiskies, including single malt scotches, blended malts, bourbons and ryes. It also sells other spirits, like tequila, as well as wine and beer.

Everything on sale is hand-picked for its quality, said co-owner Long Lam, an accountant.

Lam and business partner Ylli Ferati, the bartender at his family's Fiori D'Italia Restaurant in Spenard, met at the restaurant and became friends over their love of whiskey, Lam said.

They wanted to create a space where people gather to discuss the origins of fine whiskeys and other drinks, thus the comfortable area near the door where guests can sit in padded armchairs and enjoy free coffee.

"We want to be everyone's bottle shop for very specific things," Lam said. "We're trying to change the game with how people shop for spirits, and so we take alcohol as a very serious matter. It's truly a drug, so we promote drinking less, but drinking better and trying new things and exploring the ideology of drinking. For me, it's like food and being open to trying things and sharing with friends. It truly is an experience."

The store highlights preferred spirits on its website. The store is at 1207 W. 36th Ave., Suite B.

Wild Scoops: The ice cream store with its unique Alaska flavors recently opened its third shop, this one along Third Avenue in downtown Anchorage.

The so-called "cone-tainer" walk-up ice cream shop is located in an upgraded shipping container in the parking lot at 49th State Brewing, at 717 W. Third Ave.

It gets a lot of foot traffic from locals and tourists, since it's near the end of the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail.

The spot will be open primarily in summer, and could close in late September or early October, said Elissa Brown, Wild Scoops founder.

49th State Brewing plans to turn the lot into a beer garden next summer, operating its own container van selling beer and food from a unique menu, said David McCarthy, co-owner of 49th State Brewing. The beer garden and ice cream shop might also be open for community events in winter, he said.

McCarthy said he wants to create a "space that becomes an active part of our community," a family-friendly environment that's accessible to bikers, walkers and others who like getting together outside.

"It's one thing to sit on the restaurant's deck, but it's another thing to have this free-form area where you can sit down and have an ice cream or a beer or a meal," he said.

Audio Tour Alaska: Doug Bourne has launched this new guided audio tour for tourists and Alaskans on road trips. It's available for download onto cellphones.

The GPS-based touring app highlights important historical and cultural landmarks along the road systems, shares Alaska stories, and provides details about wildlife viewing spots. It covers five trips, from Homer and Seward to Denali National Park and Fairbanks.

It's locally created, using a voice actor from Soldotna and an app maker from Anchorage, Bourne said.

It's available for download from Apple's App Store and Google Play.

Daily News photojournalist Emily Mesner contributed to this story.

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Pam Wiswell rolls out dough for the tops of pies as she works with Nancy Burley upstairs at Peggy's Restaurant in Anchorage on Aug. 5. Burley has owned the restaurant for the past 35 years and Wiswell has worked as a baker there since 2012. It closed permanently last Sunday.

EMILY MESNER / ADN

People dine at Peggy's Restaurant in Anchorage on Aug. 5 during its last open weekend.

MARC LESTER / ADN

Nicole Smith and Bane Hasovic co-own Bar Hounds, a mobile bar buisness that operates from a custom trailer.

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Long Lam is owner of Allocated, a craft spirits store at 1207 West 36th Ave in Anchorage.

REMINDER

1st HALF
2023 MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE BY
AUGUST 15, 2023

If mailed, payments must be postmarked on or before August 15, 2023. On-line payments can be made at www.matsugov.us; drop boxes are located in Wasilla at 101 W Swanson and 680 N Seward-Meridian Pkwy or in Palmer at 350 E Dahlia Ave. On-line, in-person or drop box payments must be received on or before August 15th 2023 to avoid penalty and interest.

Office Hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Alaska Rustic LLC, doing business as Alaska Rustic LLC, located at 184 Ray Halla Lane, Bird Creek, AK 99540 is applying under 3 AAC 306.045 for transfer of a Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility (3 AAC 306.410), license # 10239 to Timberline Cultivations LLC, doing business as Alaska Rustic. Interested persons may object to the application by submitting a written statement of reasons for the objection to their local government, the applicant, and the Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) not later than 30 days after the director has determined the application to be complete and has given written notice to the local government. Once an application is determined to be complete, the objection deadline and a copy of the application will be posted on AMCO's website at https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/amco. Objections should be sent to AMCO at marijuana.licensing@alaska.gov or to 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1600, Anchorage, AK 99501.

NOTICE OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER APPLICATION (BEVERAGE DISPENSARY AND THREE DUPLICATE LICENSES) Pub. 08/__, 08/__, & 08/__, 2023

88 Double Happiness LLC d/b/a Bernie's Bungalow Lounge, located at 626 D Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 is applying for the transfer of a Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor license (License # 3781) and three Duplicate Beverage Dispensary AS 04.11.090 liquor licenses (Licenses # 4425, 5731 and 5732) to Northland Soy Products, Inc. d/b/a Bernie's Bungalow Lounge. Interested persons should submit written comment to their local governing body, the applicant and to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board at 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1600, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Bay One, LLC, doing business as, Grace Flower, located at 200 W 68th Avenue, Unit A2, Anchorage, Alaska 99518 is applying under 3 AAC 306.045 for transfer of a Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility (3 AAC 306.400(a)(1), license #13814 to ROA Enterprise LLC, doing business as Puffin AK.

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