

OUT TO PASTURE?



I found the **Arrow 2** while researching the 132-foot Foss Arctic tug just launched — in the Foss yard in Rainier,” nautical writer and photographer **Peter Marsh** (<http://sea-to-summit.net>) told the Ear. His photo of the retired pilot boat is shown.

You might recall that in 2012, the Arrow 2, a familiar sight around Astoria for decades, was replaced by the state-of-the-art Connor Foss, which was built at the same Foss shipyard where the older vessel is now berthed.

ProfessionalMariner.com (<http://tinyurl.com/fossarr1>) describes the Arrow 2 as “a traditional 52-foot by 14-foot steel harbor launch built in 1960. ... After 50 years of service (it) may have been the oldest working pilot boat in the U.S. It began with a 200-horsepower diesel and was running on its fourth engine — a 700-horsepower Tier I Caterpillar, installed in 2003.”

A June 2012 Daily Astorian article covered the transition (<http://tinyurl.com/fossarr2>), and Mike Walker, Foss Maritime’s Regional Operations Manager, estimated that Arrow 2 performed about 370,000 bar pilot transfers.

“I think it will probably remain down in Astoria,” said Mike Skalley, who acts as a historian for Foss. “They do need to have a tug to turn the ships around. We do several of those a month.”

“That was one thought, is that the Arrow 2 would stay there and act as a small tug.”

Clearly another thought came up, since it’s now in Rainier. The Ear wrote to the boatyard to find out how the Arrow 2 wound up there, but so far, no reply.

“It looks cared for, that’s all I know,” Peter reported.

TOOL TIME



Sci-News.com reports that archaeologists from the University of Oregon and the Bureau of Land Management have found a small **orange agate tool** at the Rimrock Draw Rockshelter near Riley, under a pile of ash from an ancient volcanic eruption of Mount St. Helens (<http://tinyurl.com/ancientrock>).

After a blood analysis of the residue, they think the flake tool was probably used for butchering and scraping animal hides. It is pictured, courtesy of the University of Oregon.

So what’s the big deal? “The discovery of this tool below a layer of undisturbed ash that dates to 15,800 years ago ... (and) would suggest the oldest human occupation west of the Rockies,” said archaeologist Dr. Scott Thomas.

“For years, many in the archaeological field assumed that the first humans in the western hemisphere were the Clovis people — dating to around 13,000 years ago,” said another archaeologist, Dr. Stan McDonald.

“When we had the volcanic ash identified, we were stunned because that would make this stone tool **one of the oldest artifacts in North America**,” said declared Dr. Patrick O’Grady, director of the Rimrock Draw excavations. “While we need more evidence before we can make an irrefutable claim,” he added, “we plan to expand our excavation this summer.”

HEY, YOU GUYS



Fred China, the French Goonie, has struck again with yet another Goonie gem. This time it’s a website full of original art work by **Jack Johnson**, who worked as an illustrator on many movies, including, of course, “**The Goonies**.” The images can be seen (and purchased) at <http://artjack.goonies1632.com>. Snips of the illustrations are shown.

“It was fun to help design sets for Goonies like the Organ of Bones, the Compass Room, the Basement, Wild Willie’s Chamber, etc.,” Jack said. “These were not your normal movie sets! My favorite was the Captain’s Cabin because in addition to being a great set, it also helped sell the idea that by building multiple sets into The Inferno, it would save enough money to build a real ship on stage.”

By the way, Goonies trivia fans and collectors, Fred says the print of the pirate ship is “one of only two I’m aware of, that exist.”

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY
Lower Columbia R/C Society — 8:30 a.m., back room at Uptown Cafe, 1639 S.E. Ensign Lane, Warrenton. Local Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered radio control model aircraft club meets for breakfast and business. All model aircraft enthusiasts are welcome. For information, call 503-458-5196 or 503-325-0608.

College Cast Off for Cash Yard Sale — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 298 West Kershul Circle, Gearhart (from U.S. Highway 101, west onto Fifth Street, Kershul on left). Seaside High School seniors’ yard sale to help raise money for the North Class party.

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

SUNDAY
Line Dancing — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway. For

information, call 503-738-5111. No cost; suggested \$5 tip to the instructor.

MONDAY
Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. Cost is \$5. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to www.AstoriaRotary.org

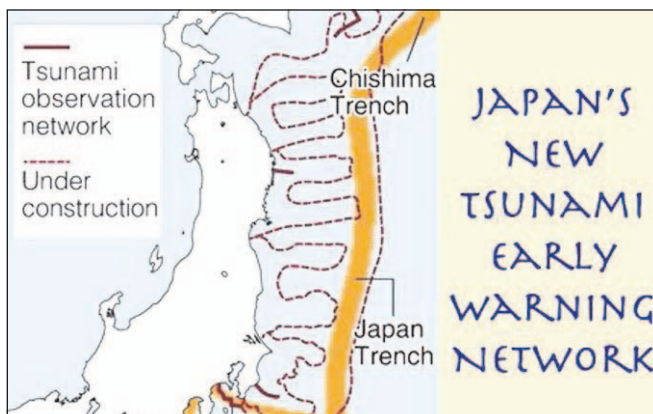
In One Ear



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AN EXTRA 20 MINUTES



Wednesday marked the fourth anniversary of the **March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami** that devastated Japan. Would there have been less loss of life (18,000 plus) if there had been more **advance warning** of the tsunami’s arrival? JapanNews.com reports that the Japanese government is betting the answer is yes (<http://tinyurl.com/tsuwarn>).

A network of about 3,540 miles of undersea cables is being established to connect 150 tsunami gauges and other “observation devices” that are being installed in seabeds off Japan’s coast. They will monitor movement on the ocean floor, especially in zones that are expected to produce a “huge earthquake.” Shown, a section of an illustration of the network, courtesy of The Yomiuri Shimbun.

“There is no precedent anywhere in the world for such a large-scale tsunami observation network,” National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention President **Yoshimitsu Okada** said. “Completion is scheduled for fiscal 2015. After that, it will be possible to detect tsunami waves 20 minutes earlier than we do now.” Oregon coastal residents, too close for comfort to the offshore **Cascadia Subduction Zone**, would benefit from a similar early warning network, don’t you think?

IN THE NEWS



The glories of Oregon have not gone unnoticed of late in various media outlets.

As reported on Weather.com (<http://tinyurl.com/nerd16>), NerdWallet (no, the Ear did not make that name up, honest) has declared that **Portland** is the 85th out of 100 in the “Worst City to Live In” poll for overall quality of life. Put that way, it sounds awful, but what it really means is Portland is the 16th best city to live in with an overall score of 71.06. The winner is Madison, Wis. (86.28), and the worst place to live is Miami, Fla. (40.22).

Cannon Beach was shown some love, too, when it was named among the “16 Sexiest Beaches in America” in an article by Hayley Matthews for DatingAdvice.com (www.datingadvice.com/studies/1sbia). Sadly, the town only came in at No. 9. Miami fares better here, coming in at No. 6, but Montauk, N.Y., is No. 1.

In a back-handed compliment, if ever there was one, the writer says, “Oregon might not be your first beach trip instinct, but Cannon Beach’s quaint, small-town feel makes it feel extra intimate.”

Astoria gets some kudos too. **Mary Tanguay Webb** sent in page 77 of the March issue of Sunset Magazine, which recommends the **Astoria Coffehouse and Bistro**, and even provides the bistro’s recipe for Smoked Salmon Hash.

The Vancouver Sun featured a story, “Crave unpretentious charm? **Escape to Astoria**” March 2, by Liisa Atva (<http://tinyurl.com/liisavisit>). She found Astoria “hip and artsy, but not yet overdone,” but seemed to be preoccupied by a Finn-quest: She was craving riisi piirakkas (rice pie).

She never did find her heart’s desire. It’s a mystery why she didn’t come during the Astoria Midsummer Scandinavian Festival in late June, instead of the Tenor Guitar Gathering in early June, and that no one directed her to Suomi Hall. Even so, she still gave Astoria a nice review. Kiitos!

Warrenton Kiwanis Club — noon to 1 p.m., Doogers Seafood and Grill, 103 U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call Darlene Warren at 503-861-2672.

Knochlers Pinocle Group — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

Astoria Alzheimer’s & Other Dementia Family Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., first-floor conference room, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St. Open to all family members of people with dementias. For information, call Rosetta Hurley at 503-325-0313, ext. 222, or email support@clatsop-care.org

Astoria Toastmasters — 6:30 p.m., Hotel Elliot conference room, 357 12th St. Visitors welcome. For information, go to www.toastmasters.org or call 503-894-0187.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

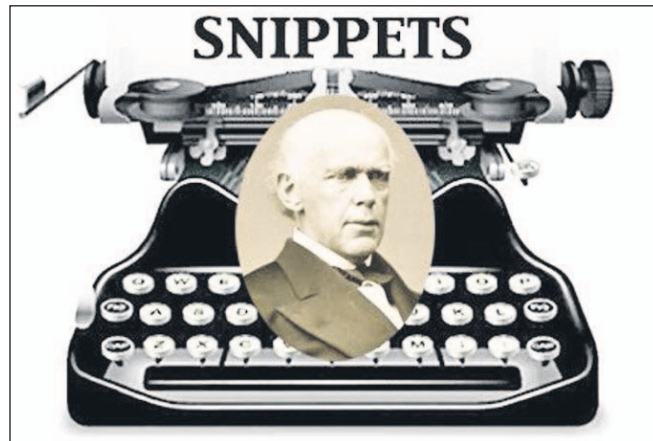
TUESDAY
Do Nothing Club — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men’s group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation of \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

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Astoria Kiwanis Club — noon, El Tapatio, 229 W. Marine Drive. For infor-

SNIPPETS



Show me the money: Last week’s story about the 1934 **\$10,000 Snote** being auctioned off for \$122,850 had several locals asking, “So which president is on that bill?” The answer is: No president at all.

It was **Salmon P. Chase** (Jan. 13, 1808 — May 7, 1873), pictured inset. Here’s a short career synopsis from Biography.com (<http://tinyurl.com/salmbill>): “In 1849, he was elected U.S. Senator. In 1855, he became the first Republican Ohio governor. He ran for president a few years later, but lost to Lincoln. As Secretary of the Treasury, he implemented the National Banking Act. In 1864, he became chief justice of the Supreme Court.” Also of note: As a justice, he handled the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson.

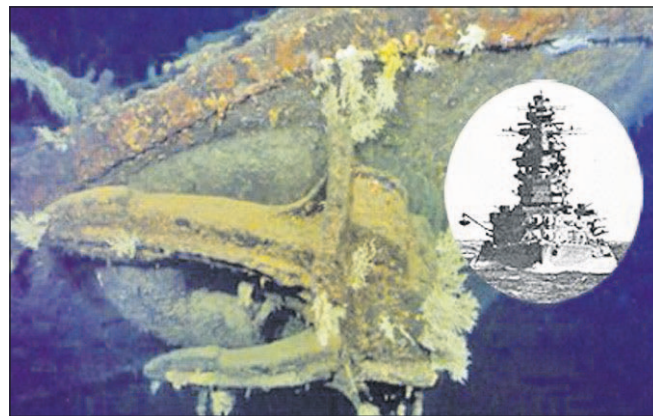
Cruisin’: Lots of Astorians noticed the cruise ship sailing upriver March 3, and wondered what was going on. Did the cruise ship season start early? Nope. According to KGW.com (<http://tinyurl.com/cruisebye>), it was the Norwegian Cruise Line’s **Norwegian Star**, on its way to Vigor Industrial’s shipyard in North Portland for a multimillion dollar overhaul, expected to take several weeks. The 965-foot long ship, built in 2001, carries 2,348 passengers and 1,083 crew (www.ncl.com/cruise-ship/star).

Just so you know, the first cruise ship expected to dock in Astoria is the Crown Princess on April 30.

Rhyme time: Put on your clever wordsmith hat and check out the annual St. Patrick’s Day **Limerick Contest at the Baked Alaska** on Tuesday. Hosted by **Barney Perrine**, there will be live music and food and drink specials. Sign up is at 6:30 p.m., and the contest starts at 7 p.m. You can enter up to three original limericks, and the top three will get prizes.

There once was a man from Astoria, who suffered from excess euphoria ... oh, never mind.

FINDING MUSASHI



World War II history buffs might be interested in this little tidbit: Microsoft co-founder **Paul Allen** and his team aboard his research vessel the **Octopus** recently found the Japanese ship **Musashi**, sunk by American forces Oct. 24, 1944, at the bottom of the Sibuyan Sea off the Philippines.

It was “one of the world’s largest and most technologically advanced battleships.” With its sister ship, the **Yamato**, the pair were “the heaviest and most powerfully armed battleships ever constructed” says Allen’s website, www.paulallen.com, which is loaded with photos and video of the discovery. One of the images, of Musashi’s 15-ton starboard anchor, is shown. Inset, a photo of the formidable ship, which weighed 73,000 tons fully loaded, had 18-inch thick armor plating and was armed with nine 18-inch guns.

Allen says he and his team used “historical records from four different countries, detailed topographical data and advanced technology aboard his yacht” to find the lost battleship, and the search took more than eight years.

The goal of the discovery, the website says, is to “not only help fill in the narrative of World War II’s Pacific theater, but bring closure to the families of those lost.”

OH, DEER



Janelle Hux, who lives on the Long Beach (Wash.) Peninsula, was just driving along when she spotted **five deer** on the beach Saturday, near Ocean Park, Wash. Her photo is shown.

The Ear confessed to never having seen any deer on any beach, and Janelle said she’d never seen any before, either. Maybe they took a hint from their cousins, the elk, who like to go for a walk on the beach, and a swim, now and then? Who knows.

But they sure were enjoying their outing, Janell observed. “They were having so much fun!”

information, call Robert McClelland at 503-894-0187 or Susan Brooks at 503-741-0186 or 503-338-4994.

Astoria Lions Club — noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Warrenton Caregiver Support Group — 1:30 to 3 p.m., 2002 S.E. Chokeberry Ave., Warrenton. Support, information and resources for caregivers. For information, call Grace Bruseth at 503-738-6412.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 1 to 3 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Spinning Circle — 3 to 5 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>