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ONE DOLLAR

ON SEAMAN'S DAY, there is historical drama, and drool



Buddy, a 9-year-old Newfoundland, enjoys the attention of visitors during Seaman's Day at Fort Clatsop Wednesday. Buddy is the mascot for Lewis and Clark College in Portland. Seaman's Day, now in its 22nd year, celebrates Seaman the Newfoundland who accompanied the Lewis and Clark expedition.

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A Newfoundland explored with Lewis and Clark

By MCKINLEY SMITH
The Daily Astorian

As if from nowhere, Lawrence Frey conjured a cloth to wipe away the strings of drool that slicked the red-brown fur of his 150-pound dog, Joker. He wasn't the only Newfoundland owner at the 22nd annual Seaman's Day event to have a drool rag on hand.

Pete Forgey's Newfoundland Buddy wore a bib, but it was mostly for show: Forgey still had a black golf towel hanging from his belt.

"Buddy can throw drool 20 feet," Forgey said.

Newfoundland owners and their

dogs stormed Fort Clatsop at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park on Wednesday in honor of the 34th member of the Corps of Discovery: Seaman, Meriwether Lewis' Newfoundland dog.

It's been nearly 210 years since Lewis, William Clark and the 31 other members of the corps wintered at the fort with their canine companion on their expedition to explore the West.

Stalwart defender

Seaman served as a stalwart defender. In one instance, he herded a charging bull buffalo away from where many members of the corps slept, one

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Bob Zimmerling holds up a stuffed animal made from the shed hair of his Newfoundland, Deacon. "People ask if (Deacon) sheds," Zimmerling said as he held up the toy.

Newfoundlands Buddy, left, and Emma, right, meet each other near Fort Clatsop.

FAR RIGHT: Ralph Plantz, of Seaside, stands for a portrait with Samson, his 7-year-old Newfoundland during Seaman's Day at Fort Clatsop Wednesday.



Heat stress, drought spurs push to cut fish kills

By JEFF BARNARD
The Associated Press

GRANTS PASS — Drought and record hot weather are producing lethal conditions for salmon and trout in rivers across the West.

A recent survey released Wednesday of the lower reaches of 54 rivers in Oregon, California and Washington by the conservation group Wild Fish Conservancy showed nearly three-quarters had temperatures higher than 70 degrees, considered potentially deadly for salmon and trout.

Low river flows from the record low winter snowpack, which normally feeds rivers through the summer, combined with record hot weather have created a "perfect storm" of bad conditions for salmon and trout, said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supervisory fisheries biologist Rich Johnson.

"It's unprecedented, I'd say," Johnson said.



Thousands of tiny winter steelhead are released from an Oregon Fish and Wildlife truck for the start of their journey that starts in Carberry Creek above the Applegate Dam in southern Oregon in 2010. The Northwest has been going through a record-setting hot spell that is stressing out not just humans, but also causing worry about fish in rivers with temperatures that are higher than normal for this time of year.

Oregon Climate Center Associate Director Kathie Dello says the entire West Coast saw record low snowpack last winter, leading to low rivers this summer. All three states had record high temperatures for June, with Ore-

gon breaking the record by 3 degrees, and the three-month outlook from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is for continued

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Courtesy of Pacific Power
The rather charred remains of the balloon that caused the power outage on the North Coast on the Fourth of July.

Balloon bursts Seaside's holiday bubble

Balloons, kites don't mix with power lines, especially on the Fourth of July

EO Media Group

SEASIDE — A power outage that disrupted holiday celebrations and affected more than 8,000 customers was caused by a metallic-skinned helium balloon that got away, according to Pacific Power.

Seaside, Gearhart and parts of Warrenton were without power from about 4:40 to 10:20 p.m. as Pacific Power crews replaced the damaged equipment.

"We found unmistakable red, white and blue Mylar shreds when we did the repairs the evening of July 4," said Steve McGrorty, Pacific Power's operations manager for the North Coast.

The balloon from a nearby celebration caused a main substation transformer to short circuit near Seaside Factory Outlet Center. Other equipment was also damaged on nearby poles.

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Separate trials for accused toddler killers

Judge severs cases in Seaside couple's trials

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

The Seaside mother and live-in boyfriend accused of murdering the woman's 2-year-old daughter last December will be tried at separate trials next year.

Dorothy Ann Wing, 25, and Randy Lee Roden, 27, were co-defendants set to face trial next April.

After a hearing Wednesday in Clatsop County Circuit Court, Judge Paula Brownhill granted a request from the couple's defense lawyers to sever the cases.

Wing is now scheduled for trial in March, one month before Roden, whose trial remains in April.

Clatsop County Chief Deputy District Attorney Ron Brown said an



Randy Lee Roden



Dorothy Ann Wing

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