

HAVE YOU SEEN CHOWZER?



Keep an eye out for a **lost dog** named **Chowzer**, a schnauzer, who is pictured. He is still missing, and was last seen by his “parents” **Sean and Shawna Lundry** on April 30 at the vehicle beach entrance near the Peter Iredale shipwreck.

Chowzer is 2 1/2 years old, weighs about 15 pounds, and stands about 12 inches tall and about 18 inches long. He was wearing a red harness with his dog license and rabies tags attached. Chowzer also has a key identifying oddity: He has six toes on each back paw.

Dog tracker **Harry Oakes** (www.k9sardog.com) has been on the job with tracking dogs, and it appears that Chowzer has been heading south from Fort Stevens, according to a post on the **Clatsop Animal Assistance** Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ClatsopAnimalAssistance). A second set of tracking dogs seemed to catch a whiff of him near Camp Rilea.

It's quite possible that Chowzer has continued south, since his “grandparents” have a house in Seaside, but it's also just as likely that someone picked him up. In other words, he could be anywhere.

Fortunately, reports that Chowzer was found dead in Warrenton have been proven wrong. The dog who was found did *not* have six toes on his back paws.

Chowzer will run when frightened, so if you see him, Harry Oakes recommends you sit quietly and call his name — then call the Lundrys at 541-965-3735 or 541-980-2549. Or, if you think you might know who has him, please let them know. The couple is offering a reward for his return, no questions asked.

“He even went on our honeymoon with us,” Sean and Shawna wrote. “He is a huge part of our lives and we feel broken without his presence.”

FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE



For old times' sake, some items from the **Sunday, May 20, 1894, The Daily Morning Astorian**:

- **A clean jail:** Had W. H. Warren, the county jailor, been called upon yesterday by any one wishing to visit the county jail, it would have been found as clean as a new pin.

- ... To look at the jail from the outside it would seem at a glance to be an easy place to get out of, but to an inmate it is not an inviting task. The building itself contains 11 tons of spikes, while the cells are made from the best of steel, and the jail building is simply a roof for the cells, as a prisoner once in them is as safe as though he was behind six feet of stone wall. There are some repairs needed, which eight different grand juries have recommended, but the county court has refused to listen to.

- Mr. Wyle would like to tree the person who stole a pump from off his farm near Springfield last week.

- A strange woman, who will walk into a saloon as quick as she would a dry goods store to beg, has given the Eugene people something to talk about.

- Magic lantern, and panorama entertainments failing to draw at Hubbard, they are now going back to old-time recitations, dialogues and comic plays.

- A merchant of Corvallis lately fed a guest, an old Californian, on carp, and the visitor was reminded of an old headstall he once ate when famishing on the plains.

- **A quick settlement:** Fred Nelson and John Jones were riding on the street cars towards Uppertown Friday afternoon discussing politics until the inside of the car got so heated that the varnish peeled from the sides, and they could hold themselves no longer.

With one accord they quit the car, and before the motor-man could get it started again, they had settled it with their fists in the street and were aboard again. It was so quickly done it could not be called exactly a breach of the peace, and as both the parties seemed to be satisfied, the public ought to be.

In One Ear



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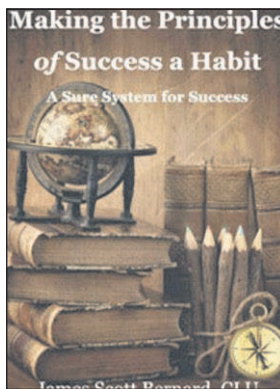
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THE SEEDS OF SUCCESS

Every now and then, North Coaster and retired fisherman/fishing guide/author **James “Jim” Scott Bernard** (pictured inset), a master of positive thinking, writes a letter of sage advice to the editor at The Daily Astorian on how to cope with whatever life throws at you.

He has also published several books, and now there's another, “**Making the Principles of Success a Habit: A Sure System for Success**,” available at Amazon.com (<http://tinyurl.com/JSBsuccess>), Godfather's Books and Camp 18.

He strongly believes that “success is not a destination, but a direction,” and “the seeds of success are within each of us.” This one is “a great book for new graduates,” he told the Ear. “Car dealerships here and in Portland are buying them for their sales crews.” It's a great read for anyone else, too.



FEELING CRABBY



For strange marine phenomena fans: **Hundreds of thousands** of little **pelagic red crabs**, also known as tuna crabs, washed up on a section of the **California** coast recently, according to a story in The Orange County Register (<http://tinyurl.com/crabwave>). A few are pictured in a photo by the paper's staff photographer, Kevin Sullivan.

Usually found off Baja, El Niño conditions and ocean currents pushed the crabs north, causing the crustacean invasion. Newport Beach lifeguard Capt. Boyd Mickley estimated the crabs, which look like crawfish and are 1 to 3 inches long, made a 6-foot-wide ring along the water in some spots. “I can see a quarter-mile down, they are that far away.”

“When you take off on a wave, you could hear them clicking on the bottom of your board,” surfer John Layman said. “They were all over the place. They swim backwards, they look really funny when they swim. It's not a big deal, it's just interesting when it happens.”

PEOPLE IN GLASS HOUSES ...



Dwell magazine recently featured an unusual two-story 3,330 square foot **glass house** perched on a cliff in **Cannon Beach** (<http://tinyurl.com/glassyCB>). It's designed by Boora Architects Inc., belongs to **Ryan and Mary Finley**, and is shown in two photos by Jake Stangel.

The article says Portlander Ryan, founder of the website Survey Monkey, bought the acre of land it sits on in 2005. It took two years just to get through the zoning issues and design hearings, and the shape of the house was limited to being a basic rectangle.

The three-paned glass curtain wall, which took a year to make, is designed to withstand winds of up to 120 mph and consists of 10-foot tall glass panels that fit into a steel frame. There are no interior walls, just wood cabinetry and shelving that is attached to the ceiling and exterior by glass panels. On top of the house — a “tufted green roof of native grasses and ferns.”

“We wanted to bring nature in,” Mary said. “That's really the whole point of being out here — to feel like we're outside while we're inside a nice house.” Mission accomplished.

DON'T BLOW YOUR TOP

In case it slipped your mind, Wednesday was the 36th anniversary of the **eruption** (more like explosion) of **Mount St. Helens** on **May 18, 1980**. A photo of the event is shown, in a U.S. Coast Guard photo by Robert Krimmel. To mark the anniversary, KLUR8.com ran a few factoids about the volcano (<http://tinyurl.com/MSHboom>):

The 1980 blast took more than 1,300 ft. off the mountain top, causing the largest terrestrial landslide in recorded history. Of note: Native Americans abandoned the area 3,600 years ago, after an eruption four times larger than the one in 1980.

Within 3 minutes of the 1980 lateral blast, which traveled at more than 300 miles per hour, 230 square miles of forest was blown down. Within 15 minutes, the volcanic ash plume rose over 80,000 feet. The ash cloud, which turned daylight to dark in parts of Washington, drifted east across the U.S. in three days, and around the earth in 15 days.

Even though there has been a flurry of 100-plus little earthquakes recently, Seth Moran of the U.S. Geological Service told LiveScience.com (<http://tinyurl.com/MSHflurry>) that the next eruption is likely “years to decades down the road.” Fingers crossed.



THE JOURNEY CONTINUES



A few weeks ago, aviatrix **Tracey Curtis-Taylor** (pictured inset) stopped at the Astoria airport with her **1942 Boeing Stearman biplane** named **Spirit of Artemis**. She was heading across the country, making more than 20 stops, duplicating the old Seattle to Boston airmail route. Unfortunately, disaster struck when the **plane crashed** (pictured) in the Arizona desert. Thankfully, she is fine.

“The cause seems to be a combination of high density altitude and a partial loss of power at a height of about 50 feet after take off,” she posted on her Facebook page, www.facebook.com/birdinabiplane. “The Spirit of Artemis then started to sink ... (and) I did a gentle left turn and then leveled off. It hit the ground and rolled forward about 20 feet, but then the right wheel struck a dense sage root mound, which tore off the right landing gear and threw the plane onto its left wing.

“It then cartwheeled tail over the nose in a cloud of sand and dust. The damage is extensive but the impact was absorbed by the wings and the airframe and the cockpit remained intact.”

She is fine, but won't be able to finish the flight this year, despite being offered another Stearman to do so. “... I have such a deep attachment to the Spirit of Artemis, and we have come such a long way together that I cannot contemplate doing it in anything else,” she wrote. Accordingly, the Artemis will be restored.

“The journey continues ...” she added. Stay tuned.

GEARING UP



“We have bought a **42-foot Dominion vertical boring mill** to compete for the hydroelectric upgrade work that is coming out of the Columbia River over the next couple of decades,” **Art Dick Jr.** of A. F. Dick Manufacturing Inc. in Knappa wrote. Think of it as a huge lathe that's used mainly to work on hydroelectric dam parts. It cost almost as much to disassemble it and move it as it did to buy it.

“This VBM will be the largest that I am aware of in the western U.S., and more than double our capacity right now,” he explained. “This machine was in Montreal, Canada and required close to 30 truckloads to ship it here; the last piece is a **20-foot ring gear** that has taken about three weeks to get here, and arrived Monday about noon.” A picture of the machine, fully assembled when it was in Montreal, is shown. Inset, the truck carrying the gear on U.S. Highway 30.

“Just shipping the gear was a real undertaking, requiring police escorts through a number of the states. Another of the components weighed 95,000 lbs and was 55 feet long. The whole machine weighs 500 tons (1 million pounds) when assembled, and has a foundation under it that takes 700 yards of concrete to build.”

It was a manual machine, but it will be upgraded so it can be run with a computer. “Needless to say,” he added, “it's not a weekend project to install. Our plan is to have it running around November 2017.”



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