

MYSTERY SOLVED



Last week, this column posted the photo shown of **Alan Linhares** (inset and rear) and his brothers, **Robert** and **John**. Robert and John were adopted by an Astoria couple; Alan, left behind in the foster care system, remained there until he aged out. Alan was searching for his brothers, and hoped to find them.

Thanks go to Astorian **Marjorie Thompson**, who called in and said that **Lee** and **Linda Pattison** adopted the boys, then moved out of state. So, things looked hopeful for a bit. But sad to say, this is what Alan and his partner, **Olivia McClelland**, posted Tuesday on Facebook:

“It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we report that we have located the family that adopted John and Robert, and have learned that they both have passed away. As you can imagine this is a lot to process, and we ask that you give us time as a family to recoup. From what the adoptive family was able to share, we have an energized interest in addressing the incredible failings in the foster care system. Thank you to everyone who reached out to us and offered information and support. You are each greatly appreciated. Take good care yourselves — Alan and Liv.”

RAT RACE



The Ear has heard several fishermen call **gulls** “rats with wings.” On that happy note, the **Australian National Maritime Museum** has come up with a creative (and inexpensive) way to keep seagulls, and their messy poop, away from their exhibits, which include replicas of explorer Capt. James Cook’s HMB Endeavour, and the HMAS Vampire, a big gunship: They recruited **Bailey**, a border collie, to be the museum’s seagull security dog, gCaptain reports (<http://tinyurl.com/bailgull>). He is pictured, courtesy of Andrew Frolows/ANMM.

The working dog, who was living in foster care when they adopted him, will work for scraps. Literally. The decision to hire him came after the museum did a little research, and found that several airports use dogs to scare off birds. So, why not gulls at the museum?

Never fear, Bailey has his own dog flotation device, and doesn’t need much encouragement to do his job. “Normally when there are seagulls down here, Bailey will spot them and I’ll let him off the lead and I’ll say, ‘Bailey go,’” Adrian Snelling, dog handler and head of security at the museum, explained. “He just automatically chases the birds.” Talk about job security ...

DISCOVERING ENDEAVOUR



For maritime history buffs: Back to the subject of British navigator/explorer **Capt. James Cook** (pictured inset) ... did you know a story on CNN.com says that in May they found the wreckage of the actual **HMS Endeavour** — often considered one of the most famous ships in nautical history — in **Newport Harbor**, off the coast of Rhode Island (<http://tinyurl.com/cookboat>)?

For those whose naval history is a little shaky, Cook, while commander of the Endeavour (1768-1771), made the first landing on the east coast of Australia. He circumnavigated New Zealand to boot, and was also famous for his accurate maps of the Pacific Ocean.

After all of her adventures with Cook, the Endeavour was bought by a private owner, renamed the Lord Sandwich, and wound up taking part in the **American Revolutionary War**, albeit in not the way one would expect. The ship, along with 12 others, was scuttled by the British in shallow water in Newport Harbor to create a blockade during the 1778 Battle of Rhode Island.

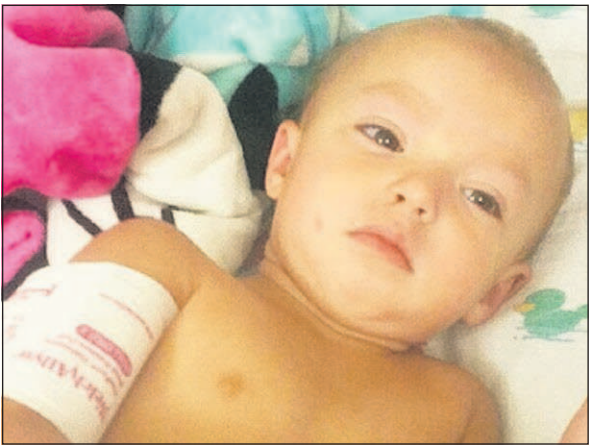
Although the ships have been known to be there for some time, it was only recently that the Rhode Island Marine Archeology Project managed to positively identify the Endeavor/Sandwich. A more detailed exploration of the wreck is planned.

In One Ear

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PLEASE HELP MCKENZIE



A friend of mine, she is going through a difficult time,” a friend of **Amanda Harkless** wrote on The Daily Astorian Facebook page. “Her daughter (**McKenzie**) has cancer, her new husband passed away months after their marriage, and (she) almost lost their son as well.” Amanda’s husband, Kyle, died in a canoe accident on Smith Lake in January. Their son, Logan, who was with him, survived.

“I’m just wanting to spread the word out for her as much as I can,” the friend added. “It’s a very difficult time for her and her family.” Along with the note, there was a link to a GoFundMe page for McKenzie. Here’s the story:

“About two months ago I found a lump on McKenzie’s back,” Amanda wrote. McKenzie is pictured. “I took her to the doctor, and they did some general testing and referred her up to Doernbecher Children’s Hospital to meet with a surgeon about getting it removed because it was causing her discomfort.” When the lab results came back, it was bad news. The surgeon referred McKenzie to an oncologist.

“On Tuesday, Aug. 16, when we went back up to Doernbecher’s to meet with the oncologist, they told me my just turned 2-year-old daughter has a rare form of cancer called langerhans cell histiocytosis. Now we have a long road ahead of us with numerous tests, doctor visits and treatment. I’m asking for funds to help with gas, hotel stays and other expenses that come with this nightmare. Thank you, Amanda.”

If you can help this local family, go to www.gofundme.com/2kbc09g

‘THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SURPRISES’



Over the past few years, this column has mentioned young Dutch entrepreneur **Boyan Slat** (pictured inset) several times for his **Ocean Cleanup** project (www.theoceancleanup.com) — an ongoing effort to clean up the plastic particles that comprise the floating mass of debris known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

In June, a 328-foot long clean-up boom/barrier made of vulcanized rubber, affectionately named **Boomy McBoomface**, was towed out into the turbulent North Sea off the coast of The Netherlands. Anchored via a cable sub-system at depths of up 14,000 feet, the boom was harnessing the ocean currents to trap floating trash, but trouble soon ensued: Two of its chambers became bent out of shape due to the boom being subjected to large waves and gale-force winds.

Slat reports on the Ocean Cleanup’s website that the boom was towed back to shore to implement design improvements, and will be reinstalled at the North Sea site “in the near future” for another test. “When ideas are confronted with reality, there will always be surprises,” the ever-optimistic Slat concluded. “... I cannot wait to see what else we will discover once the testing resumes.”

WHERE ARE YOU, JERRY FINCH?



Judith Niland noticed a post on the “Astoria Oregon: Culture, Tales And History” Facebook page, and sent it to the Ear.

The photo shown of the **Jerry Finch** (aka Jerry Finch Sr.) **name tag** was posted by **Mikey Edwards** of Warrenton, along with the following text: “Anyone from the class of 1954? Or have a parent that graduated that year? I unearthed this today (Monday) with my metal detector, and would love to get it back to the family. The guy would be in his mid-80s by now; I’ve tried researching, but found very little. Hoping one of you recognizes the name.”

Does anyone remember Jerry Finch or his family, or know where they might be now? If so, please contact the Ear at 503-325-3211, ext. 257 or ewilson@dailyastorian.com, and the information will be forwarded to Mikey.

In case you’re wondering, he found the tag near Fultano’s, about 7 inches deep in the ground. “A lot of people frown upon metal detecting. And people digging,” Mikey told the Ear. “When done properly, there is no sign of a hole ever being there.”

“... I’m sure this guy’s son or daughter would be thrilled to have this relic hanging around their neck, and that’s what it’s all about for me,” he explained. “Recovering and preserving history ... Something that had been in the ground for 60 to 100 years, unearthed and returned to its rightful owner. No better feeling.”

JUST BEACHY



The TV was on for background noise the other day, when something caught the Ear’s attention. It was a lilting melody with a foot-thumping beat, and a catchy tune, and the music sounded so familiar. Actually, it was a **Corona Extra** “Find Your Beach” ad. Finally, the proverbial inter-cranial light bulb went off, and in a flash of recognition, the Ear thought, “That sounds just like **Israel Nebecker** and **Blind Pilot!**” Could it be?

Yup, it could. And is. The lyric is a snippet from their song “**We Are the Tide**” from their 2011 album of the same name, and the ad is all over the place. According to ispot.tv, there are two versions of the ad, and as of Sept. 5, it’s had 7,301 national airings (<http://tinyurl.com/beachpilot>). The group is pictured in a photo from their Facebook page.

Want to hear the whole song? You can hear a rousing version at <http://tinyurl.com/beachpilot1>, filmed at the Lollapalooza festival in 2012. Or, you can hear Blind Pilot’s new album, “**And Then Like Lions**” on Spotify (you’ll need to sign in) at <http://tinyurl.com/pilot-spot>

All the Ear knows is — even though the song is actually about riding on a city bus — when that commercial comes on, and Blind Pilot starts playing, you’ll want to kick off your shoes and go running on the beach.

NAME THAT TUNE



Help us go forward, and get to go backwards,” **Jeff Daly** wrote. “We aren’t clowning around. The original 1948 Chrysler **Astoria Clown Car**, the one you see going backwards down the streets, is looking for a **song name** for a new music/video.” The clown car is shown, courtesy of www.oldaastoria.com

The video was written and shot by Jeff, with music and vocals by **Skyler Butenshon**, who Jeff refers to as “the styling bartender at the Albatross.” The song will get its radio premiere on KAST Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 12:30 p.m., on “**Adventures in History with Mac Burns and Paulette McCoy**.” The video is expected to go up on The Glam Tram Facebook page today.

“You can get a ride in the car by coming up with a name for the song,” Jeff promised. “The Sons & Daughters of an Original Astoria Clown will choose the best title, and the winner will get to pick which direction they want to drive the original Clown Car.” All you’ve got to do is name that tune.

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.

Angora Hiking Club — 10 a.m., Sixth Street parking lot. Camp Kiwanilong hike. For information, call Roger Westerman at 213-448-9441.

Sit and Stitch Group — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Custom Threads, 1282 Commercial St. Knitting, crocheting and needle work. For information, call 503-325-7780.

Pug Socializing Club — 1
- p.m., Carruthers Park, Warrenton. For pugs and their owners. For information, call Dave Kinney at 415-827-5190. Join online at <http://tinyurl.com/socialpugs>

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.

Spinning Circle — 1 to 3 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>
- SUNDAY**

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Family to Family Support Group, for anyone with friend or loved one suffer-

- ing from a serious brain (mental) illness. For information, contact Myra Kero at 503-738-6165, or k7erowood@q.com, or go to www.nami.org

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

Chair Exercises for Seniors — 9 to 9:45 a.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Scandinavian Workshop — 10 a.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. Needlework, hardanger, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and quilting. All are welcome. For information, call 503-325-1364 or 503-325-7960.

Mothers of Preschoolers — 10 to 11:30 a.m., Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. MOPS group is a time for moms to relax and enjoy each others’ company. For information, call 503-502-3118.

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., 1111 Exchange St. Cost is \$6. 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

Parkinson's Support Group — 1 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church library, 565 12th St. For information, call 503-440-1970 or 503-440-1985.

Peninsula Quilt Guild — 1 p.m., Peninsula Church Center, 5000 N Place, Seaview, Wash. Newcomers welcome. Bring non-perishable food donation. For information, call Janet King at 360-665-3005.

Knochlers Pinochle 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.

Mahjong for Experienced Players — 1 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 3 to 4:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Not for beginners. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Seaside Lions Club — 5 p.m., West Lake Restaurant & Lounge, 1480 S. Roosevelt Drive, Seaside. For information, call 503-738-7693.