

AROUND TOWN



Little gems from **The Daily Astorian**, Thursday, Sept. 23, 1897:

• **Alex Gilbert** put on his overalls yesterday. He has a force of men building a new bulkhead for his property on Third Street, and concluded to help. The workmen have not been heard from.

• Spy glasses are looking for the first appearance of the **Commodore Perry** today. (The Perry was a 165-foot Coast Guard cutter, a brigantine-rigged steamship, built in 1884, that served on Lake Erie, the East and West Coasts of U.S., in Alaskan waters and in the Spanish-American War. She was wrecked in the Pribilof Islands off Alaska in 1910, all hands saved. Pictured courtesy of the USCG, <http://tinyurl.com/cutterperry>)

• **Mrs. Dr. Owens Adair**, of Sunnymead, yesterday brought over some bouquets of magnificent astors, nasturtiums, dahlias and sweet peas, which were distributed among her Astoria friends.

• Feather boas are quite the mode.

• Snap a Kodak at any man coming out of our store and you'll get a portrait of a man brimming over with pleasant thoughts. Such quality in the liquors we have to offer are enough to please any man. Come and try them — **Hughes & Co.**

• **W. J. Ingalls**, who is in the city on a visit, says that the greatest need of Clatsop County today is good roads. The railroad is all right and the prime necessity, but that the county cannot develop without roads, and must have them.

• The air was so clear yesterday that the trees and houses on the Washington shore were plainly discernible. A stiff westerly breeze covered the bay with white caps, and hundreds of sailing boats were out, making a grand picture. Few Septembers have equaled this month, and it is safe to say Astoria weather and scenery cannot be beat.

SKÅL!

Beer drinkers, here's your chance to win a one-of-a-kind **66-ounce beer stein**, lovingly created by **Shaun Catlin**, co-owner with **Tamara Altman of Steel & Timber Construction/Fabrication LLC** in Astoria. The stein (pictured) is a replica of the Pacific Northwest Brew Cup logo (designed by **Polk Riley**), and commemorates both the 15th anniversary of the event and the **Astoria Column**.

The stein and handle are stainless steel, and the top and bottom are cast aluminum. "It is a very time intensive process!" Tamara told the Ear. You can see photos and videos of how it was made on the company's Facebook page, <http://fbl.me/stcf>

"The artwork on the stein is taken directly from the original sketch that was used for the column — I got it from Friends of Astoria Column," she explained. "The actual original sketch was etched onto the stein, and then painted over with metal oil."

Want it? Raffle tickets cost \$10 each, and can only be bought at the Pacific Northwest Brew Cup, presented by the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, which takes place today, Saturday and Sunday at the Barbey Maritime Center. The drawing is at 2 p.m. Sunday. Good luck!



TRASH PATROL



You had to know this was coming: a trash drone. According to a story on **NewAtlas.com** (<http://tinyurl.com/trashdrone>), South African entrepreneur **Richard Hardiman** is attacking ocean litter from the shoreline with his **WasteShark** invention. The autonomous aquatic electric drone comes in two models, FatBoy and Slim, to gobble up floating waste before it can drift out to sea. One of them is shown, courtesy of **RanMarine** (<http://www.rantech.nl>)

WaterShark prototypes, which look like catamarans with a scoop, are being tested at the Port of Rotterdam. Future plans include enabling the drone to transmit water and weather data, adding software so it can learn about its environment, and developing a solar-powered Great Waste Shark that can collect half a ton of trash at a time.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

Angora Hiking Club — 9 a.m., Sixth Street parking lot, 10 a.m. at trail head. Angora Peak hike. For information, call John Markham at 503-436-2310.

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.

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 suffering 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 —

In One Ear



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IT REALLY DOES TAKE A VILLAGE



On Wednesday, Sept. 14, **Nancy Little** of Lakeview was in a panic. Her little chihuahua mix, **Jarvis**, jumped out of the car and ran off when her boyfriend, **Joseph Murray**, stopped at a bank on 11th Street in Astoria.

Once alerted, the community mobilized and the search began. **Clatsop Animal Assistance** and others were all over Facebook right away, sharing Jarvis' photo, and KMUN and Coast Community Radio made announcements. She was comforted by all the moral support, and Nancy and several helpful locals spent hours "walking up, down and all around Astoria, calling his name till we were hoarse."

Friday morning, she got a call that Jarvis had been spotted near the Astoria Column again. After several hours of searching, "I was walking down Coxcomb Drive (again), right where he had been spotted earlier ... calling and calling," she recalled. "A lady named **Liz** came out of her garage to ask if I was looking for a little black dog. She said he had been hanging around her yard this morning, had even curled up in the corner of her deck and taken a nap, but wouldn't let her catch him. So she put out food and water for him, bless her heart."

Jarvis had just been there, "so I called and called and walked all over her beautiful yard overlooking the town of Astoria, then all around her neighbor's yard, at her suggestion, for at least 20 minutes," Nancy noted. "And then, like a vision, there he was, running towards us, and to us and wriggling and licking and kissing and jumping all over us, no worse for wear. Woo hoo! Happy reunion!" Nancy is pictured with Jarvis, left, and her other dog, Beasley.

Nancy is over-the-moon grateful for all the help she received from the Astoria community. "Good people abound in all their many disguises," she noted. "My faith in human nature has been bolstered once more."

SECOND GUESSING



Everyone loves a good sea monster — like the Pacific Northwest's very own **Colossal Claude** — even if it's in a lake. Like Loch Ness, for instance. A recent photo purporting to be of the **Loch Ness Monster**, aka **Nessie**, has gone viral, and it's a head-scratcher, all right.

TheDrinksBusiness.com reports that Scotsman **Ian Bremner**, 58, an amateur photographer and whiskey warehouse worker, took the photo of Nessie last weekend (<http://tinyurl.com/nessieshot>). Immediately naysayers jumped all over the image, insisting it is actually three frolicking seals.

Yes, there are seals in Loch Ness. The lake is connected to the sea by the 7-mile long River Ness, and seals have been known to visit, but not that often (<http://tinyurl.com/lochseal>). On the other hand, apparently this year has the highest reported number of Nessie — not seal — sightings since 2002.

"... I'm normally a bit of a skeptic when it comes to Nessie," Bremner said, "... I suppose it could be seals — but I'm not so sure. The more I think about it, the more I think it could be Nessie."

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 Dinners — 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

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 play-

BYE BYE, VIKTORIA WULFF



The view of container ships anchored on the Columbia River might be changing. The launching of 18,000 to 19,000 Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (TEU) super ships, a depression in the shipping market overall, and the opening of the newly widened Panama Canal has reduced the demand for smaller ships.

Consequently, the youngest container ship ever, the 900-foot long, 4,546 TEU **Viktoria Wulff** (formerly MSC Firenze), at only 10 years old, has been sold for scrap. The Loadstar reports (<http://tinyurl.com/scrappedbox>). Previously the youngest to be scrapped was 13 years old. The Viktoria Wulff is shown, courtesy of Vesselfinder.com

In addition, the fall of shipping company **Hanjin** — whose ships were a familiar sight on the Columbia before the company cut its ties with Portland — is putting a glut of vessels back on the market. After several of their ships were stuck in limbo out at sea or in ports (unloaded), a South Korean bankruptcy court finally ordered Hanjin to return chartered ships to their owners, and sell as many of its own ships as possible. Other companies with 3,000 to 5,000 TEU ships are struggling, as well.

This year, 126 ships (429,500 TEU) have been scrapped so far — compared to all of 2015, when 60 vessels (116,500 TEU) met the same fate. Perhaps a chorus or two of "The Times They Are A-Changin'" are in order?

SHEER ABSURDITY



More on our former friend **Hanjin**: British absurdist filmmaker **Rebecca Moss** must have thought she was in one of her own movies. She boarded the Hanjin ship **Geneva** in Vancouver, B.C., for a 23-day artist's residency, expecting to disembark in Shanghai. She is pictured in a photo from her Instagram page, [@_rebecca.moss](https://www.instagram.com/_rebecca.moss)

About a week into the trip, Hanjin declared bankruptcy, "leaving hundreds of people stranded aboard scores of vessels worldwide," CNN Money reports (<http://tinyurl.com/lostmoss>). With no place to dock, the Geneva waited in limbo for instructions while at anchor off the coast of Japan. Crews were told to conserve food and water, not knowing how long they would be stuck.

"All along I had felt the sheer absurdity of this journey ..." she said in an interview with the Vancouver Sun.

Fortunately for her, there was an "endpoint to this madness," and she was dropped off in Tokyo after 25 days aboard. A film will surely be forthcoming.

FOR LACK OF A SNAIL ...



Last week, this column mentioned that **Tiffany Boothe** of the **Seaside Aquarium** had achieved the awesome photography coup of having her photo of **velella velellas** (shown) published in **National Geographic** (<http://tinyurl.com/tiff-NatGeo>). But what inspired the shot?

"It was my day off, and I was out searching for a species of snail that feeds on the velellas, often referred to as a **storm snail**, when I noticed what a large wash in was occurring," she told the Ear. "I didn't have my SLR on me, but I snapped a few pictures with a smaller camera, and continued my search for my snail."

"When I got back to the aquarium, I had a message waiting from me that **The Oregonian** was looking for some photographs of the velellas. I was excited to send them the ones I had just taken the day before. The Oregonian printed them on the front page." (By the way, Tiffany had another Oregonian front page photo this Tuesday.)

"After that," she added, "National Geographic contacted me to ask if they could use them — all because I was looking for a snail, which I did not end up finding. So the search continues ..."

ers 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.

Diabetes Class — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Providence Seaside Hospital, Education Room A, 725 S. Wahanna Road, Seaside. Free help managing diabetes from certified diabetes educators. Topic is: "Stress — When Life Happens, What Do I Do?" All are welcome. For information, go to www.providence.org/diabetes or call 503-215-6628.

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.

Clatsop County Democrats — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Astoria Yacht Club, 300 Industry St., Suite 201 (at the West End Mooring Basin, above Tiki Charters). For information, call 503-717-1614 or go to <http://clatsopdemocrats.org>

TUESDAY

Stewardship Quilting Group — 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. All are welcome. Donations of material always appreciated. For information, call Janet Kemp at 503-325-4268.

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.

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