

Cleanup of derelict vessels starts on Columbia River near Goble

Associated Press

LONGVIEW, Wash. — State and federal officials have started cleanup and restoration of a site on the Oregon side of the Columbia River that turned into a mooring area for more than two dozen derelict vessels in recent years.

U.S. Coast Guard officials tell The Daily News that the first part of the project that started Thursday near Goble involves removing hazardous substances that include fuel, asbestos, lead paint and household wastes.

Officials say that will take

about two weeks, and then the Oregon Department of Lands will remove any remaining vessels and restore the site.

Officials said Clay Jonak and Roger Ison leased the site in August 2012 to restore a former ferry called the River Queen. They brought in an estimated 27 more vessels.

Oregon terminated the lease, and Jonak and Ison had until the end of May to remove the vessels. Jonak and Ison appealed but later reached a settlement. Following a two-year effort to address pollution concerns, the state took possession of the site on Thursday.

“We’ve been trying to work with the lessees,” said Julie Curtis from the Oregon Department of State Lands. “We’ve been trying to get them in compliance in state pollution laws. It’s been a difficult situation over the past year, so we finally settled with them.”

Jonak said he objects to the state’s conclusion that the vessels should be scrapped as worthless.

“The barges the state wants to cut up and dispose of are worth \$20 million,” Jonak told The Daily News. “They deemed them solid waste. I live on it. I have a home on it.

How do you figure it’s solid waste?”

During the time of the lease, three of the vessels sank over a 12-month period. The Coast Guard said two of those required emergency cleanups.

The cost of cleaning up the site has yet to be determined.

Coast Guard officials say their cost will be covered by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund through the Columbia River Incident Management Division.

The Oregon Department of Lands said it will use money from the Common School Fund.

Standoff in Seaside ends peacefully

The Daily Astorian

A Seaside man was arrested Friday afternoon following a standoff with police.

Shaun Scarborough, 28, was struck by a stun gun and arrested by Seaside Police at a South Downing Street home. He was taken to Providence Seaside Hospital to receive treatment for the taser wounds before being brought to the Clatsop County Jail. No other injuries were reported.

Police originally responded to a report of a physical altercation just before 2:30 p.m. at an apartment on the 1000 block of South Columbia Street. Scarborough’s father,

who lives at the apartment, told police nothing had happened but that his son had left and may have been driving recklessly.

Officers located the vehicle at the home on South Downing Street shortly after, though Scarborough was not home. When Scarborough returned, police said, the standoff ensued in the kitchen.

Scarborough was arrested for criminal trespass, criminal mischief, felon in possession of a firearm, interfering with a police officer, a probation detention warrant and reckless driving. No charges resulted from the original report of an altercation.

OBITUARIES

Gordon Nicholas Story

Astoria

May 29, 1933 — May 30, 2017

Gordon Nicholas Story, of Astoria, son of George and Theresa Story, died on May 30, 2017, at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland.

He was born in Oregon City on May 29, 1933, and was a curious and likable young man. He attended grammar school in Oregon City, and spent summers in Astoria. His father was a commercial fisherman, fishing Celilo Falls and the Columbia River, while his mother worked in the canneries. The family eventually moved to Astoria, and Gordon graduated from Astoria High School in 1952.

Following high school, Gordon attended Adrox School in Portland and received a diploma in the study of diesel engineering. He enjoyed repairing engines all his life. In 1960, Gordon bought a share in the Astoria Plywood Mill. It was not easy work; he sorted wood on the green chain, was a dryer tender, and drove a jitney as well. He continued to work his share until the economy changed, and the mill closed. He went to work for Ag-Bag Corp., and continued there until his retirement.

On July 7, 1962, he married Darlene Velder. They had two children, and would have celebrated their 55th anniversary later this year.

Gordon was a family man, and known as a gentle giant among his friends. He was a tinkerer, and many would say a “jack of all trades.” He always looked for a bargain, and could never pass up anything listed for “free.” He loved his Harley Davidson, and

traveling the country. He taught both of his children to ride motorcycles. The family had a travel trailer, and loved exploring the Pacific Northwest.

He was an avid boater, and maintained multiple engines in case one broke down. He enjoyed taking his family to Cullaby Lake and the Columbia River for water skiing and wake boarding, or to simply fish for salmon and sturgeon. He was a wonderful father and husband, and will be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene; his son, Ron Story, and daughter-in-law, Francoise Bourdonne, of Portland; a daughter, De Ann Story, and son-in-law, Larry Hill, of Tigard; two grandchildren, John Hill and spouse, Annie Zhang, of Beaverton, and Loren Hill of Metaline Falls, Washington; a sister, Delores Miller of Gervais; a brother-in-law, Duane Velder, and spouse, Diana Velder, of Seaside; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Velder of Puyallup, Washington; and special family friends, Brigid O’Callaghan and Chris Thompson.

Services will be June 6 at St. Francis De Sales Mission in Hammond; Rosary at 11:30 a.m., and funeral at noon. A reception will follow the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis De Sales Mission’s Maintenance Fund or a charity of your choice.

Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at www.caldwellsmortuary.com



Gordon Story



Dick James Betzer

Kooskia, Idaho

July 24, 1948 — Jan. 29, 2017

Dick James Betzer was born on July 24, 1948, to Ray and Althea Betzer in Seaside, Oregon. The youngest of three children, he had a passion for baseball and participated in Little League. Later, he coached his own team with good friend, Gary Nelson.

Living most of his life in the coastal community, Dick worked for 14 years as a logger for the Crown-Zellerbach Co. He also served 28 years in the U.S. Army National Guard at Camp Rilea in Warrenton, Oregon.

Becoming a fourth-degree black belt in taekwondo, he enjoyed competing and performing as well as teaching the art.

Moving to Kooskia, Idaho, in 2011, Dick

spent his time hunting, fishing and camping in the area.

He passed away while snow-birding in Parker, Arizona, on Jan. 29, 2017.

Dick is survived by his wife, Hannah Betzer of Kooskia, Idaho; a daughter, Kimberly Betzer of Warrenton, Oregon; a son, Tyson Betzer of Kalaheo, Hawaii; seven grandchildren, a great-grandchild; a brother, Jim Betzer of Tillamook, Oregon; a sister, Bonnie Pyrt of Seaside, Oregon; and many friends.

Please join us for a military service and celebration of life on Sunday, June 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the American Legion in Seaside, Oregon.

Contributions to the Disabled American Veterans would be appreciated.



Dick James Betzer

May Leong

Astoria

Feb. 3, 1927 — May 30, 2017

May Leong died on May 30, 2017, at her home in Canton, China, Feb. 3, 1927. After marrying her husband, Russell Leong (deceased in 1967), on Feb. 8, 1958, she moved to Astoria, Oregon, from Hong Kong. She is survived by their two children, Terry and Teddy Leong.

Originally known as Pacific Northwest Bell, May spent 25-plus years working for the telephone company as building custodian. She always enjoyed spending time with her daughter-in-law, Carol, and her two grandchildren, Laura and Matthew. One

of her dearest friends, Betsy Baumgartner, was with her when she died peacefully.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked memorial gifts be made to Lower Columbia Hospice, 2111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103. Their care for May was simply outstanding.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at Caldwell Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., Astoria, Oregon 97103, June 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. A private cemetery service will be held that afternoon at 2 p.m.



May Leong

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
48	65 51	65 53	58 49	58 49
Partly cloudy	Partly sunny	Sun through high clouds	Cloudy and cooler with a bit of rain	Clouds and sun with a couple of showers

ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
 High/low 62°/45°
 Normal high/low 63°/49°
 Record high 87° in 2016
 Record low 37° in 1980

Precipitation
 Sunday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.18"
 Normal month to date 0.42"
 Year to date 47.31"
 Normal year to date 33.78"

REGIONAL WEATHER

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 9:03 p.m.
 Sunrise Tuesday 5:25 a.m.
 Moonrise today 5:21 p.m.
 Moonset today 3:46 a.m.

Full Last New First
 June 9 June 17 June 23 June 30

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	73	37	s	83	46	s
Bend	75	44	pc	82	50	s
Brookings	64	50	pc	62	51	s
Eugene	74	44	pc	80	49	s
Ilwaco	61	51	pc	64	51	pc
Klamath Falls	79	43	s	83	46	s
Medford	87	53	pc	91	57	s
Newberg	76	49	pc	82	51	pc
Newport	59	47	pc	59	50	s
North Bend	63	51	pc	63	52	s
Olympia	74	45	pc	81	50	pc
Pendleton	75	48	pc	84	55	pc
Portland	78	52	pc	84	57	pc
Roseburg	80	49	pc	83	53	s
Salem	77	48	pc	82	51	s
Seaside	62	49	pc	66	50	pc
Spokane	72	52	s	82	60	pc
Springfield	75	46	pc	80	50	s
Vancouver	76	49	pc	83	53	pc
Yakima	80	50	pc	83	55	pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

ON THE RECORD

- Assault**
• At 8:01 p.m. Friday, Stacy Dianne Crisp, 34, of Astoria was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office at the Gnat Creek Campground for fourth-degree assault, harassment and interfering with making a police report.
- DUII**
• At 11:40 p.m. Friday, Evan Andrew Schenck, 39, of Portland, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office on Columbia Street near First Street in Seaside for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- MONDAY**
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Jewell School Board, 6 p.m., Jewell School library, 83874 Oregon Highway 103.
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
- TUESDAY**
Seaside Community and Senior Commission, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.
Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway.
Port of Astoria Commission, 5 p.m., Port offices, 10 Pier 1
- Suite 209.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Seaside Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

LOTTERIES

- OREGON**
Sunday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 4-2-7-2
4 p.m.: 5-1-0-2
7 p.m.: 8-5-4-0
10 p.m.: 7-3-9-5
Saturday’s Megabucks: 5-14-29-33-34-46
 Estimated jackpot: \$6.8 million
Saturday’s Powerball: 3-9-21-41-54, Powerball: 25
 Estimated jackpot: \$375 million
Saturday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 9-2-3-5
4 p.m.: 3-3-9-6
- 7 p.m.:** 8-5-6-3
10 p.m.: 2-9-4-2
Friday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 9-2-6-5
4 p.m.: 4-7-0-5
7 p.m.: 0-9-8-8
10 p.m.: 3-5-7-1
Friday’s Mega Millions: 7-42-57-69-72, Mega Ball: 10
 Estimated jackpot: \$80 million
- WASHINGTON**
Sunday’s Daily Game: 3-7-6
Sunday’s Keno: 10-19-21-28-30-32-36-38-39-42-47-50-53-57-58-62-72-74-76-78
Sunday’s Match 4: 06-09-12-18
Saturday’s Daily Game: 0-9-5
Saturday’s Hit 5: 07-17-24-30-39
 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
Saturday’s Keno: 05-09-11-12-14-23-28-30-34-36-38-42-51-55-65-67-72-74-77-79
Saturday’s Lotto: 04-05-34-43-46-49
 Estimated jackpot: \$7.7 million
Saturday’s Match 4: 03-07-15-21

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