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SEAMAN'S DAY

At Fort Clatsop, the big dogs get their day

A Newfoundland waits patiently for a group to gather for a presentation during the Seaman's Day event at the Lewis and Clark Historical Park on Wednesday.

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Annual event honors famous Newfoundland

By KAELIA NEAL
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People who are afraid of dogs might be intimidated by Newfoundlands.

But owners of these giant beasts describe them as perfect for people being introduced to dogs for the first time.

Evan Anderson joined his aunt, Joan Crichton, and her 166-pound Newfoundland, Brogan, Wednesday at the 24th annual Seaman's Day at Fort Clatsop, where he described his apprehension with dogs.

Anderson, however, has developed a strong bond with 5-year-old Brogan. Now he is thinking about getting a Newfoundland himself. "I wouldn't consider getting a different big dog," he said.

This was Crichton's third year attending Seaman's Day, an event by Lewis and Clark

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OREGON FISHERMEN ADDRESS WHALE ENTANGLEMENT AS A LAWSUIT LOOMS

UNTANGLED



AP Photo/Grahame Long

Divers work at cutting a 43-foot humpback whale free from nets off Yamba, 370 miles north of Sydney, Australia, in 2002.

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
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Oregon's commercial fishing industry is trying to get ahead of a problem that could put California in the middle of a lawsuit and has the potential to drastically change Dungeness crab fisheries on the West Coast.

Last year, 71 whales tangled with U.S. fishing gear off the coasts of California, Oregon and Washington state, as well as neighboring countries — the highest annual total for the West Coast since the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration began keeping such records in 1982.

Sixty-six of these incidents happened in California, many of them involving endangered humpback whales tangled in commercial crab gear.

At the end of June, the Center for Biological Diversity announced its intent to sue the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, which manages the fishery, for "causing the take of threatened and endangered whales and sea turtles."

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AP Photo/Christine Armario

Capt. David Anderson of Captain Dave's Dolphin and Whale Watching Safari in Dana Point, Calif., shows a net a whale was found entangled in. Fishermen on the West Coast are working on strategies to reduce the chances that whales will get caught in fishing gear.

Small road, big payoff

Spur important to the county's stalled business park

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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Clatsop County plans to build a new road that will connect two larger streets at the future site of the North Coast Business Park.

The 650-foot-long, three-lane road is part of the master plan for the Warrenton development. It will connect north to south from S.E. Ensign Lane to S.E. 19th Street. The south end of the road will be situated between the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and the Animal Shelter.

Adjacent to the site of a 10-acre property owned by Fort George Brewery, the road is a necessary piece of the development plan, Clatsop County Public Works Director Michael Summers said. In 2015, the 162-acre lot across from Costco was designated a regionally significant industrial area and part of a new enterprise zone, but logistical issues have stalled development.

Plans for a future extension of the road north of Ensign Lane will run on another currently unoccupied plot of land.

"It will provide them the avenue to develop," Summers said of Fort George's proximity to the road. "It will also open up another parcel of land to the county to sell and develop it as well."

County commissioners voted Wednesday to approve a \$68,085 contract with KPFF Consulting Engineers to design the road. KPFF was the site civil engineer for the new

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A new road may help spur development at the North Coast Business Park.

Go-kart, moped complex awaits new fate

Long Beach worried about mess, misuse

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — Before the April drug raid, Tony Merrill's downtown entertainment complex had two sets of customers. In good weather, tourists lined up to ride mopeds and go-karts. The other customers visited in any kind of weather, but rarely stayed for more than a few minutes.

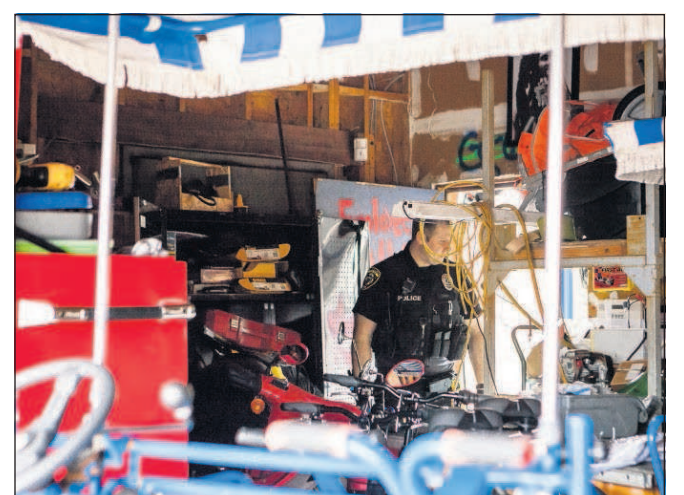
Now, there are no customers of any kind. But that could change soon. Long Beach Mayor Jerry Phillips says a member of the Merrill family wants to reopen the businesses. However, the new operator will have to fix long-running safety issues and code violations first.

Nearby residents and business owners knew there was something fishy about Merrill's go-kart, moped rental and bumper car businesses, which occupy a city block at the corner of Sid Snyder Boulevard and Pacific. It was hard to miss the steady stream of rough-looking characters who

trekked up and down California Street to the moped shop, sometimes more than once a day. Police knew, too, but it took longer than they would have liked to find an informant willing to try and purchase methamphetamine and heroin from Merrill and his former girlfriend, Doreen Morris.

Raids

In April, investigators finally had enough evidence to search Merrill's businesses and home. The raid allegedly turned up cash, meth, heroin, pills and a stolen



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Long Beach, Washington, Police Officer Rodney Nawn searches a storage room at Long Beach Go Karts.



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