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Motorists should not stop anywhere along the interstate as the fire continues to burn in the area.

It was not a large explosion, and British police and health officials said none of the injured was thought to be seriously hurt.

The growing frequency, power and confidence displayed by these tests seem to confirm what governments and outside experts have long feared: North Korea is closer than ever to its goal of building a military arsenal that can viably target both U.S. troops in Asia and the U.S. homeland.

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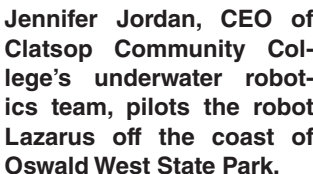
Tim Stentz, a mariner and Maritime Archaeological Society member aboard the vessel Sovereign, launches the Clatsop Community College underwater robot Lazarus.

(with sonar and robots), and it might be something very cool, but the rest of the wreck might be a foot under sand right next to it or half a mile away,” Dewey said.

While finding the Beeswax is the top priority, the society was formed three years ago from the Beeswax Wreck Project to expand the group's mission and state support for identifying some of the thousands of shipwrecks throughout the region, Dewey said. The group is a loose collection of volunteers from throughout the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii.

“Recorded shipwreck locales within this database number just over 300,” he wrote. “With over 3,000 reported shipwrecks off the Oregon Coast alone, the huge disparity between this number and that earmarked in the state’s records highlights the need for improvement in both recording location information for shipwreck sites and more professional investigation of the significance of submerged resources in general.”

Through its Oregon Coastal Survey Project, the society has been trying to find wrecks and abandoned vessels all along the state's coastline. Last spring, volunteers surveyed near the



New Youngs Bay Bridge in Astoria for the wreck of the T.J. Potter, a 19th-century steamer burned and scrapped for parts around 1920. The society has sent a report in and is close to documentation with the state, Dewey said.

Next year, the group might focus on using its underwater robot to better survey the *Silvia de Grasse*, a lumber schooner that sank in Astoria near Pier 39 in 1849.

"We do one ship a year," Dewey said. "It's a long process. The T.J. Potter report was about 40 pages. We're writing up reports on all the ones we can."

"And we're a volunteer group, so we're doing it as quickly as a volunteer group can do."

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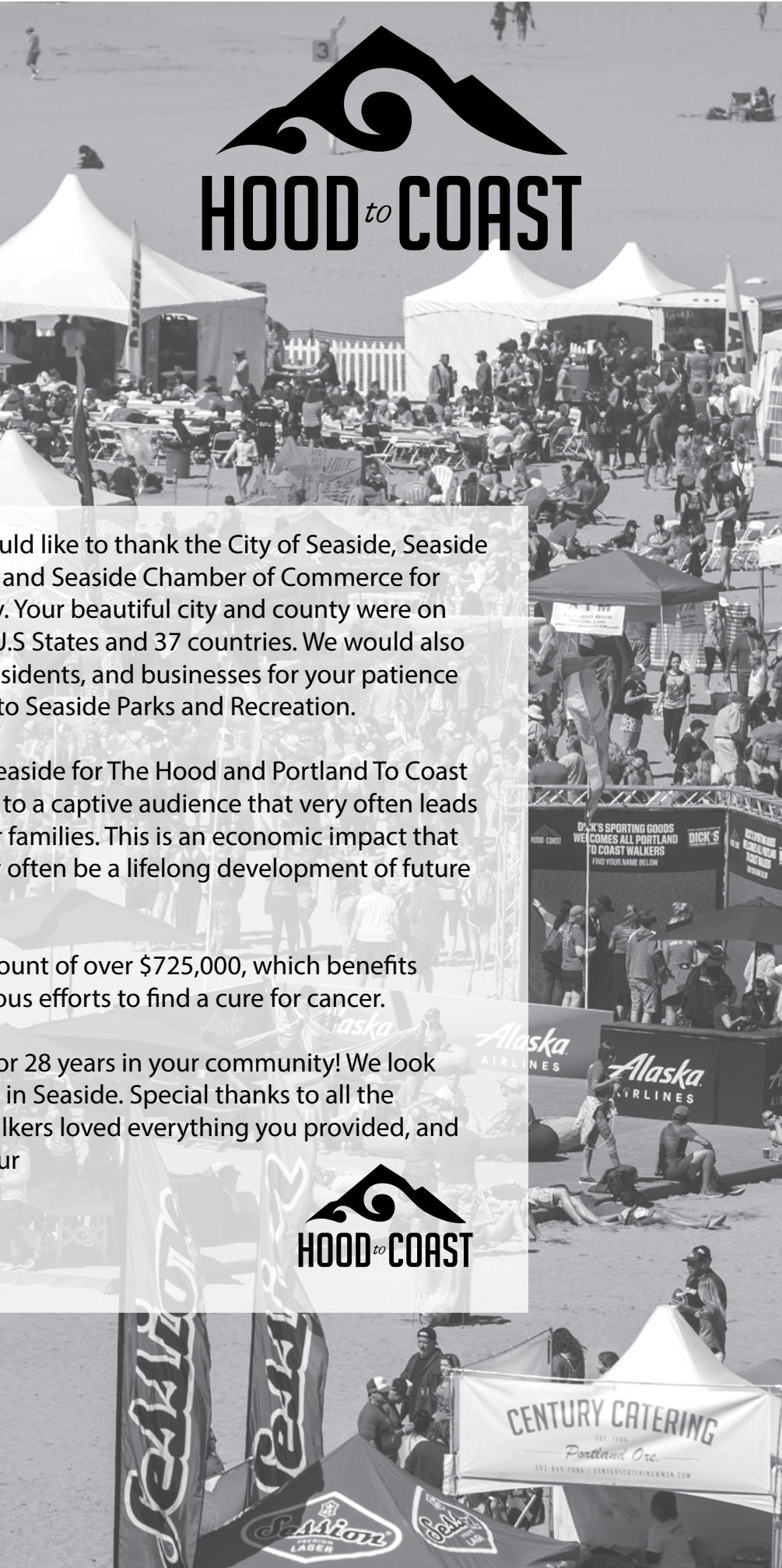
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