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## THINK PINK, PART 2



In February, this column mentioned **Terry Enke Arnall's** young cousins, **Brooke** (9) and **Paige** (12) **Simonsen**, who made the national news when they testified in front of the Maryland State House of Representatives to promote **HB 1118**. The bill originated from their conviction that daylight fluorescent pink should be made an authorized color for Maryland hunters to wear.

The girls took up the cause when their father urged them to take a hunting safety course, and they found out all the pink gear they bought isn't legal in Maryland, which only allows hunters to wear orange.

In February, state Sen. Adelaide Eckardt introduced both the girls and the bill to the Maryland House, where it passed. The senator, Paige, and Brooke are pictured in a photo supplied by the girls' parents, **Mike and Kelly Simonsen**. (The girls' great-grandparents are **Chris and Olga Simonsen** of Hammond.)

According to a recent AP story, the girls are in the news again because their bill also passed in the Maryland Senate on April 2 ([tinyurl.com/huntpink2](http://tinyurl.com/huntpink2)). "We are so happy for their efforts," Terry wrote.

Next stop for the bill: Gov. Larry Hogan's desk. "We're hoping that the girls get to be present," Mike said, "when the governor signs their hard work into law."

"I'm definitely going to wear fluorescent pink," he proudly professed. "I'm their dad, but more important, I'm going to be their hunting partner, so the thing is, I want to be seen."

## A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

Astorian **Julie Brown**, a lecturer in maritime culture at Clatsop Community College, recently visited **Dornoch, Scotland**, and the Centre of History at the University of the Highlands and Islands. She was invited because the university is interested in studying coastal history, as distinct from maritime history, **David Wellington** of UHI explained. "Coastal history allows us to look both to land and sea."

Brown and Wellington are pictured on the beach at Dornoch, courtesy of the "Out of Doors" program on BBC Radio Scotland, who interviewed them March 17. You can listen to them talk at about 1 hour and 6 minutes into the broadcast at [tinyurl.com/JBrownScot](http://tinyurl.com/JBrownScot). You'd better hustle — the show is only available for about two more days.

Brown said she applied for a Fulbright Scholarship to get a new viewpoint on her field of interest, and wanted to get some new information to share with her students at home. She looked at the world map, but when she researched the program at UHI, she was "dumbfounded" to find there was a university that offers a degree in coastal studies, which she'd never heard of before.

"I had to go there," she said. "I felt that community had something in common with Astoria, and yet offered a different perspective."

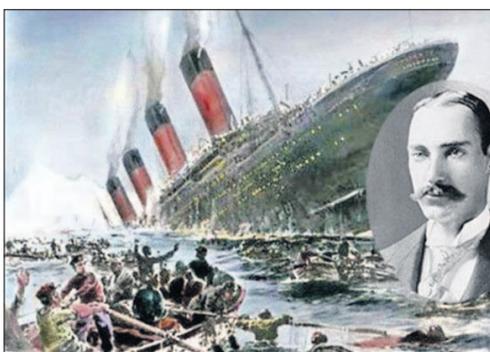
## ARE YOU A MOUNTAIN MAN?



**Regina Willkie** of the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce sent in another casting call. "I'm the casting director for a Montana-based television production company called **Warm Springs Productions**," **Shera Konen** wrote. The production company is casting for Season VIII of their unnamed series on the **History Channel**. The Ear is just guessing that the show is "Mountain Men." (The images shown are courtesy of [warmsprings.tv](http://warmsprings.tv).)

The casting criteria includes: "lives remotely, preferably off grid or with off grid elements; hunts, fishes, traps, forages; self-sustaining lifestyle; uses primitive skills in everyday life; doesn't believe in living by society's norms." Think you fit the bill? Are you "a modern day 'mountain man' type" between the ages of 30-45? If so, they want to meet you. To be considered, email your contact information, a brief description, and a photo of you and your property to [shera@warmsprings.tv](mailto:shera@warmsprings.tv)

## DAPPER, EVEN IN DEATH



Sunday is the 106th anniversary of the tragic sinking of the **SRMS Titanic**, which hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean while on her maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York in 1912. Approximately 1,500 died, including first class passenger **Col. John Jacob "Jake" Astor IV**, 47.

A billionaire by today's standards, he was an inventor, author ("A Journey in Other Worlds: A Romance of the Future"), property developer, successful businessman — and great-grandson of Astoria's founder, **John Jacob Astor**. Jake and his second wife, **Madeleine Talmage Force Astor**, who was pregnant, took the trip as a belated honeymoon. At first he wasn't too worried after the collision, and the couple sat on the mechanical horses in the gymnasium waiting for updates. Even when the lifeboats were being loaded, Astor felt "safer here than in that little boat."

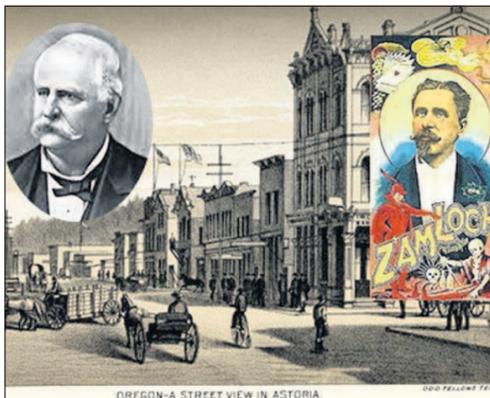
When he realized the situation was dire, he helped his wife onto Lifeboat 4, but was not allowed to accompany her. He was last seen standing quietly, alone on the deck, smoking a cigarette.

Astor went down with the ship, and his body was initially lost. However, the sea eventually gave the colonel up, and he was found April 22 or 23 (depending on which account you read), by the cable ship **Mackay-Bennett**.

Astor was dressed in his blue serge suit, handkerchief intact. He also wore a belt with a gold buckle, boots and a flannel shirt with a monogrammed collar. His gold watch was still on him, as well as his gold and diamond cuff links, a diamond ring, cash and notes, a gold pencil, and a pocketbook.

Astor's body was delivered to New York City on May 1, 1912, where he was buried at Trinity Cemetery. His son, **John Jacob Astor VI** (V was already taken) was born Aug. 14, 1912. ([tinyurl.com/JJAIVa](http://tinyurl.com/JJAIVa), [tinyurl.com/JJAIVb](http://tinyurl.com/JJAIVb))

## AROUND THE TOWN



**N**uggets from the **Wednesday, April 13, 1887** edition of **The Daily Morning Astorian**:

• **Spring fever:** Cub gedtle sprig, etherial midldess cub; kachoo.

**Note:** It makes sense when you hold your nose and say it out loud.

• **Judge Wm. Strong**, who died at his son's residence in Portland last Sunday, held the first term of court ever held in this county, at Skipanon, in 1850.

**Note:** Appointed the associate justice of the supreme court of Oregon Territory by **President Zachary Taylor**, Strong (pictured left) and his family arrived in Astoria in 1850, after a 7-month ocean voyage. From the ship, he thought Astoria was "a stragglng hamlet." Upon landing, he was impressed by "the beauties of the place" and its "enterprising proprietors" ... "men of large ideas, large hopes." ([tinyurl.com/WmStrong](http://tinyurl.com/WmStrong).)

• In the hillside cemetery is a grave, probably the oldest marked of any grave north of San Francisco. The memorial is a sandstone slab, on which is recorded that he who sleeps beneath bore the name of **McTavish**, and that he was buried there in 1814.

• **Zamloch** will be here next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. 'Tis four years since he appeared in Astoria, when he drew crowded houses; he has several new features and will, doubtless, have large audiences.

**Note:** Magician Anton Zamloch (aka Professor Zamloch and Zamloch the Great), toured the U.S., Mexico, Hawaii and Canada from 1869-1912. His specialties included the spirit-rapping table and talking drum, slight of hand, and vanishing tricks. His act grew so huge a 10-day jaunt from New Mexico to Nevada required a 16-mule train. ([tinyurl.com/magiczam](http://tinyurl.com/magiczam))

• Regarding alleged "shanghaiing," a prominent citizen says that if shanghaiers would use his judgment in the selection of worthless characters, they would win popular applause.

## UNLUCKY DATES



**O**K, so it's **Friday the 13th**, but there are 11 other days that are actually more unlucky historically, Reader's Digest reports ([tinyurl.com/13andmore](http://tinyurl.com/13andmore)).

They are, with an example for each date: **April 14**, Titanic hit an iceberg, 1912; **April 20**, Hitler was born, 1889; **April 24**, the Greeks entered Troy in the Trojan Horse, 1184 B.C.; **June 28**, Archduke Ferdinand and his wife were assassinated, setting off World War I, 1914; **Aug. 6**, first atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima, 1945; **Aug. 15**, Buddha died, 483 B.C.; **Sept. 1**, Germany invaded Poland, World War II began, 1939; **Sept. 2**, Anne Frank deported to Auschwitz, 1944; **Sept. 11**, World Trade Center in New York destroyed, 2001; **Oct. 29**, Stock market crashed, triggering the Depression, 1929; and **Dec. 7**, Pearl Harbor, 1941.

Feel better now?

## YOU'VE GOT MAIL



**D**id you know you can **digitally preview your mail**, so you'll know what's on the way, with the **U.S. Postal Service's Informed Delivery**? You'll get daily emails with images of the address portion of incoming letter-sized mail. For packages, you can track them, leave delivery instructions and even schedule redelivery. (Images courtesy of USPS.com)

And yes, this service is available in local zip codes, but for specific addresses, you'll need to check at [informedelivery.usps.com](http://informedelivery.usps.com), where you can also sign up for the service.

Just think: You'll even know what mail is expected even when you're at work, or traveling. And better yet, Informed Delivery is free.

## A MULTIPURPOSE TOOL



**E**arlier this month **Christine Pitawanich** of **KGW8** went to the **Coast Guard Command Center** in **Warrenton** to learn about the **Search and Rescue Optimal Planning System (SAROPS)** software there, which is used at all 32 Coast Guard Command Centers ([tinyurl.com/GMSarops](http://tinyurl.com/GMSarops)).

Christine was shown around by Astorian **Greg Merten**, pictured in a screen shot from a **KGW8** video. He's the SAROPS training supervisor and controller of the Command Center, where five people are always on watch.

"When somebody breaks down on the side of the road, the car stays there," he explained. "You call AAA, they come out and get you. On the water, because of currents and winds, the SAROPS system allows us to calculate where they're going to drift to, so that way, we can facilitate a rescue much quicker."

Once it has all the data, the software produces a search area that's good for 12 hours. And, SAROPS can track thousands of items at a time. "Just imagine it as putting 5,000 rubber duckies on the water," he said. "And then what SAROPS does is to simulate where those little rubber duckies are going to drift to."

Amazingly, the software can calculate the drift likelihood of all 5,000 duckies in about 90 seconds. "To do one of those drift calculations by hand," Greg noted, "if you're very good at math, and have done it several times, it takes about 45 minutes."

"(SAROPS) does like a hundred things," he observed. "It's a really multipurpose tool."

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### SATURDAY

**Lower Columbia R/C Society** — 8:30 a.m., Jim's Roadhouse Grill, 1605 E. Harbor St., 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.

**Seniors Breakfast** — 9 a.m. to noon, Astoria Moose Lodge,

420 17th St. Cooked to order from menu, includes coffee. Cost is \$5 for seniors 62 and older, \$7.50 for those under 62. Breakfasts are open to the public. Proceeds after expenses help support local and other charities.

**Chinook Indian Nation Council Meeting** — 11 a.m., Chinook Nation Tribal Office, 3 E. Park St., Bay Center, Washington. The meeting is open to all tribal members. Attendees are reminded to bring a

potluck item and to arrive on time. For questions, contact the Tribal Office at 360-875-6670.

**Sit & Stitch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Homespun Quilts & Yarn, 108 10th St. Bring knitting, crochet or other needlework projects to this community stitching time. All skill levels welcome.

**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 [astoriafiberarts.com](http://astoriafiberarts.com)

### SUNDAY

**Seniors Breakfast** — 9 a.m. to noon, Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. Cooked to order from menu, includes coffee. Cost is \$5

for seniors 62 and older, \$7.50 for those under 62. Breakfasts are open to the public. Proceeds after expenses help support local and other charities.

**Cannon Beach American Legion Women's Auxiliary Breakfast** — 9 to 11:30 a.m., American Legion, 1216 S. Hemlock St., Cannon Beach.

**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

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