

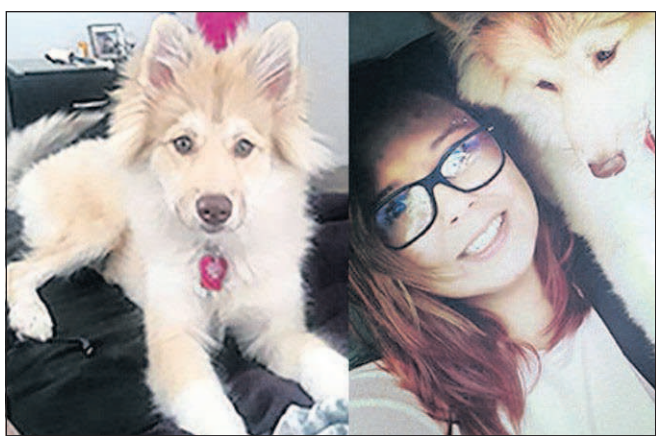
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BRING KONA HOME



Kayla Edmondson's 7-month old dog, **Kona**, a female Pomsky (Pomeranian-Husky mix), got loose under suspicious circumstances while Kayla was away, and has been missing since 1 a.m. May 8. The 15-pound pup, a service animal, has a life-threatening blood condition and needs medication. She is presumed to have been stolen, and there's a cash reward for her return, no questions asked.

Kayla called **Harry Oakes** (k9sardog.com), the famed pet finder, for help. "Search and Rescue tracker dogs last hit on her smell at the Riverwalk and 39th Street in Astoria showing signs of a live alert," Kayla explained. "Her scent suddenly stopped on the sidewalk, meaning she was placed in a car, or carried, at that point."

"After thousands of flyers, signs, and conversations," Kayla reported, "it appears as though she is no longer in Astoria." But you never know. So, if you spot Kona, please report any information or sightings to Kayla at 313-244-2313, or call your local police department. In the Astoria area, contact **Officer Jason Robinson** at the Astoria Police Department at 503-325-4411 or jrobinson@astoria.or.us

"I've spent every hour of every day looking for my girl since she's been missing," Kayla wrote. "Kona only knows me, and has severe separation anxiety. Anyone who sees me knows that Kona is right next to me, sitting on my shoulder. I'm literally heartbroken."

"I love my little girl so much," she added. "I still have faith, and will never quit looking for her. I'm endlessly praying that someone has the heart to do the right thing, and return her to her family."

So keep an eye out, wherever you are, and spread the word. Let's get Kona home.

AROUND THE TOWN



Tidbits from The Daily Astorian, Wednesday, May 18, 1881:

- The Chinese are the boss kite flyers. The denizens of Chenamus street sent up one yesterday afternoon which measures about 75 feet, and resembles a scorpion.

- We were surprised and pleased with a visit on Monday from Mr. **John Badollet**. He walked from his residence to our office, and then to the office of **Capt. Flavel**, but returned in a wagon.

Note: Badollet first came to Astoria in 1851. In 1873, Badollet and his partners, local titans **C. Leinenweber**, **Hiram Brown**, **John Hobson** and **Robert Adair**, built Astoria's first salmon cannery, which was also the first one west of Tongue Point, and one of the earliest on the Columbia River. He died June 2, two weeks and a day after this snippet ran, at the age of 58 or 59, and is buried at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton. (tinyurl.com/jbadollet)

- **Geo. Rowe** is wearing out his old clothes on **Tillamook rock**. A friend on the last steamer, who got a squint at him through a marine glass, says he had on a pair of breeches with a seat to them that looked as though he had sat down on a buzz saw. George does not deny it.

Note: Rowe was the second head lighthouse keeper from 1881-1882, after Albert Roeder, who served in 1881. Construction on the lighthouse started in 1879, and it was lit for the first time Jan. 21, 1881. (tinyurl.com/georowe)

- **Williamsport Property:** Great bargains are now offered in the **city of Williamsport** for any persons wishing to locate from one lot to 5 acres. It is well adapted for gardens, dairy ranches or pleasant homes; well elevated, situated 1 mile south of Astoria on Youngs Bay, with a good graded road to the place. For further information call at my residence near the cemetery. **John Williamson**.

Note: Williamsport is mentioned as being its own city. The question remains: Was it ever *officially* absorbed by the city of Astoria? Some say yes, some say no. But that's a question for another day.

NO PEAS IN THIS POD



On Sunday, **Jennifer Lindstrom** spotted an unusual sight for Astoria — **white pelicans in Youngs Bay** — and her photo is shown. Inset, a close-up, courtesy of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. ODFW says the orange-billed *Pelecanus erythrorhynchos* has the longest wingspan of any bird in Oregon (tinyurl.com/pelicanwhite).

"During the breeding season the top of the bird's head becomes dusted with black and a horn grows on the upper mandible," the website says, "this projection serves as a target for aggressive encounters to avoid injury to the essential bill pouch, but is shed after the eggs are laid." And, in case you didn't know, a group of pelicans is called a pod.

Two interesting tidbits: At great distances soaring flocks of white pelicans have been reported as UFOs; and, there was no mention on the ODF website of white pelicans being at the coast, only inland, and mainly in Eastern Oregon. Yet here they are. Again.

DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME



Recently, a video of a Finnish **maritime pilot** went viral because of the unusual way he managed to board a cargo ship in **Hailuoto, Finland**, when it was too icy to approach the ship by boat. You can see the video at tinyurl.com/finnpilot; a screenshot is shown, courtesy of ViralHog.

The pilot and an assistant ventured out onto the ice, which was reportedly 20 inches thick, to a long metal walkway positioned close to the shipping channel. As the cargo vessel **Tavastland** approached, the men moved the walkway so it extended out into the channel, then the pilot walked out to the end, close enough to touch the side of the moving ship.

As an open door with a ladder hanging from it started to glide by, the pilot reached out for the ladder, and boarded the ship. He made it look easy. It isn't.

WHAT'S IN A WORD?

THE PHRONTISTERY
is a thinking place [Ge phrontisterion, from phrontistes a thinker, from phronesis to think]

belonephobia: fear of pins and needles
lendrumbilate: to gullibly believe in a word's veracity
sabbulonarium: gravel pit
wayzgoose: annual employees' dinner or outing
yips: nervous state in golf causing player to miss an easy putt
zho: cross between a yak and a cow

Want to fill your friends and fellow Scrabble players with shock and awe (or at least stun them) with your vast knowledge of **obscure words**? The Ear has the perfect source of ammunition for you: phrontistery.info

For instance, in the 17,000-word dictionary the **International House of Logorrhea** (excessive flow of words) section, you will find words such as calithump (noisy parade), parapraxis (mistake), whangam (imaginary animal) and quisquilius (made of rubbish).

And then there's the 400-plus words in the **Compendium of Lost Words**, most of which could comfortably stay lost, like bulbulcitate (cry like a cowherd) and gnathonize (flatter).

Just don't get too thrasonic (boastful) with your new vocabulary.

PUGET ISLAND MEETS CHINA



This might just be one of the cleverest things you've never heard of: **Island Pearls Live**, the Puget Island business creation of **Beau Renfro** (pictured, upper left). Essentially, it's a cultured pearl business — "Our mission is to bring you the most beautiful pearls possible, and accessories at a reasonable price" — but it's got a hook that has people scrambling to buy their products.

Customers go to islandpearlslive.com, select the "Oysters Opened Live" option, and pick a date for their oysters (which can be bought for \$20 each) to be opened. On the selected date, one of Refro's hostesses, **Annie Howell**, left, or **Lisa Watkins**, right, will help the buyer pick out their oysters, then open them during a very chatty live Facebook feed at fb.me/IslandPearlsLive to reveal the gems inside. Later the pearls (and shells, if wanted) are mailed to the customer. (Facebook photos)

In case you're wondering, the Akoya round pearls come in oysters imported from the ZhenJing Cultured Pearl Farms in China. They can be either white, pink, blue, purple, black, or red in color. Occasionally an oyster produces "twins."

Want to be a party-pooper and open your oyster at home? They'll ship it, soaked in alcohol, in an air-sealed bag, and you can do the honors yourself. But where's the fun in that?

RARE SIGHTING

The **Oregon Coast Aquarium** posted a photo of a cute little fellow on their Facebook page, and asked people to guess what kind of marine mammal it is for their #WhatIsItWednesday feature. The pudgy pup was spotted in South Beach State Park in **Newport** last weekend.

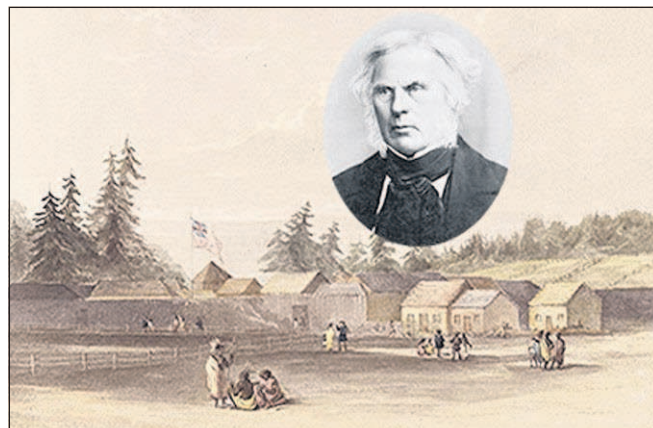
It didn't take long for the replies to start come in, guessing (correctly) that it's an **elephant seal**.

"This particular sighting is more rare because this species does not historically breed this far north," the aquarium noted. "This year, however, there have been multiple reports of these pups in Oregon."

Never fear, the aquarium notified the **Marine Stranding Network** (mmi.oregonstate.edu/ommsn) to make sure the pup was safe until he was ready to leave.



ISABELLA AGROUND



When the Hudson's Bay Co. British bark **William and Ann** wrecked in 1829 near the mouth of the Columbia River, most of the cargo and all of the crew were lost, leaving **Fort Vancouver** (pictured in 1845) very short on the annual supplies they were expecting, according to an account in "Adventures of a Sea Hunter: In Search of Famous Shipwrecks," by James Delgado (tinyurl.com/isabelladown).

To fill the void, Hudson's Bay bought the brig **Isabella**, loaded her with all of the items so (by then) desperately needed at the fort, and the usual trade items, and sent her on her way to do some business and restock Fort Vancouver.

So, one can imagine the dismay at the fort when **Capt. Ryan** and crew turned up without the much-anticipated Isabella, saying they had run aground May 23, 1830, and were about to be attacked by homicidal natives, so they abandoned ship and fled for their lives upriver. However, fort superintendent Dr. **John McLoughlin's** (pictured inset) dismay soon gave way to angry disgust when he found out what really happened in a message from **Fort George** (now Astoria).

The Isabella ran aground near the Columbia River Bar because she entered the wrong channel, and some men at the Fort George outpost saw it happen. They raced out to help, which is when Capt. Ryan mistook them for attackers and fled. McLoughlin ordered Ryan back to the Isabella, but the captain wasn't awfully sure where he had left her. Fortunately, the men at Fort George knew, and the cargo salvage operation began. It soon became clear that if Ryan had just stayed with the ship, and waited for the tide to turn, they probably could have refloated her. It took two weeks, under very arduous and wet conditions, to salvage the cargo. The Isabella, however, could not be saved.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

Angora Hiking Club — 9 a.m., Sixth Street parking lot. Cape Disappointment trail hike. Membership is not required to participate. For information, call Kathleen Hudson at 503-861-2802 or go to angorahikingclub.org

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 young-

er than 62. Breakfasts are open to the public. Proceeds after expenses help support local and other charities.

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

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 younger than 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.

Bingo/Dessert Auction — 1 to 4 p.m., Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. Games begin at 1

p.m.; desserts auctioned between games. Bingo packets are \$10 for 10 games, two extra games at \$1 per sheet. Fundraising project for Astoria Moose Trekkers Relay for Life. All proceeds donated to Relay for Life/American Cancer Society.

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

Relay for Life Garage Sale Needs Items — Good, clean items needed for fundraiser garage sale May 26 and 27. Drop off items at the Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St., during business hours today through Friday. All proceeds from event, hosted by Astoria Moose Trekkers Relay for Life team, will be donated to Relay For Life/American Cancer Society.

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