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## FREE THE WHALES



Drones are proving useful on many fronts, and now the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary has teamed up with **Oceans Unmanned**, which uses drones to protect the oceans and environment, to help free whales from ocean debris, such as discarded fishing nets ([tinyurl.com/dronewhale](http://tinyurl.com/dronewhale)).

Ed Lyman of NOAA says the drones, which send real-time footage of the entangled whale to the rescue team, help them "minimize approaches, give us a different view — an aerial view — of the gear and the animal's condition ... it reduces our risk, having that drone in the toolbox makes the whole procedure a much safer one." Still shots from a DJI Stories video is shown ([tinyurl.com/DJIwhale](http://tinyurl.com/DJIwhale)).

"Using tech for environmental good," Matt Pickett, a pilot and president of Oceans Unmanned said, "is a really fantastic feeling."

## SAVING FRED



Gio DeGarimore is the owner of **Giovanni's Fish Market** in Morro Bay, California. He is also a diver, and after interacting with octopuses, knows how intelligent they are. Therefore, the shop's Facebook page declared, Gio decided to take a "moral position," and not support the sales of "any octopus products."

So last month, when a local fisherman had a 70-pound octopus for sale, Gio bought the critter, put him in a tank at his market, and named him Fred. No, Fred was not for sale, and he's pictured courtesy of the market's Facebook page. Gio's only intention was to release Fred into the open ocean — which is exactly what he did a few days later. Meanwhile, Fred's story went viral.

"At the end of the day, Gio said, 'It might not change the world, but I'm going to do one thing,'" a May 15 Facebook post noted, "and if it only makes me and Fred happy, that's OK too ..."

## STILL 'IN THE SPIRIT'



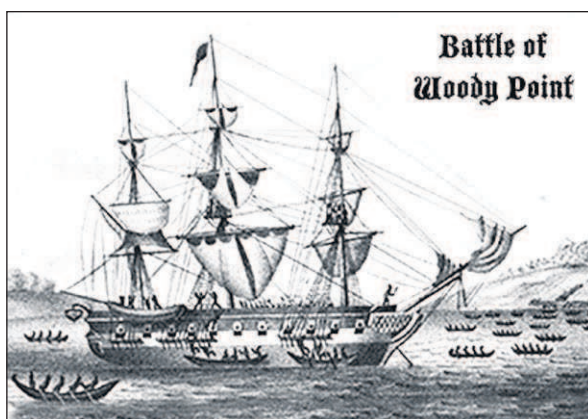
A few weeks ago, the **Four Brothers Across America**, deaf young men from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., were featured in this column. **Jake Grindstaff**, **Gilwon Seo**, **Dakota Daniels** and **Jerrod Grill** (pictured, from left), left May 31 to bike the Transamerica Trail. Unfortunately, there has been a mishap.

"On June 2, Four Brothers chose the different route from Pacific City to Salem, Oregon, as a best and quick way," a June 7 post on their Facebook page said ([tinyurl.com/3pedalFB](http://tinyurl.com/3pedalFB)). "Ended up on a small roadway and no shoulders. Jerrod had a bicycle fall, (and) he got his head injured."

"Then the ambulance brought him, with Jake, to the hospital in Lincoln City, while Dakota and Gilwon biked more than 25 miles. After examining his head, no concussion or serious threats because his bike helmet saved him. Jerrod returned to home last Tuesday for his safety."

The three remaining brothers plan to keep going, as Jerrod is still with them "in the spirit." Want to sponsor their "Pedal for Deaf Pride"? Just go to [tinyurl.com/3pedal](http://tinyurl.com/3pedal)

## LAMAYZIE'S TALE



This weekend marks the 207th anniversary of the Battle of Woody Point, near Vancouver Island, British Columbia, when **John Jacob Astor's** ship, the **Tonquin**, met her fate. Local history buffs will recall the Tonquin brought settlers to establish Fort Astoria in March 1811, then sailed north to trade.

The accounts of the Tonquin's demise are many, according to a 1922 article by F.W. Howay in the Washington Historical Quarterly (<https://tinyurl.com/howayTonq>). First told by the Tonquin's interpreter, **Lamayzie**, the sole survivor, the already bloody tale took on some wild embellishments in the retelling. Howay, however, constructed what he believes is a true narrative of what happened, summarized below.

The Tonquin went to Woody Point to barter with the **Wickaninish** tribe. Trading aboard the ship went well the first day, but that evening Lamayzie reported the tribe planned to attack the next day.

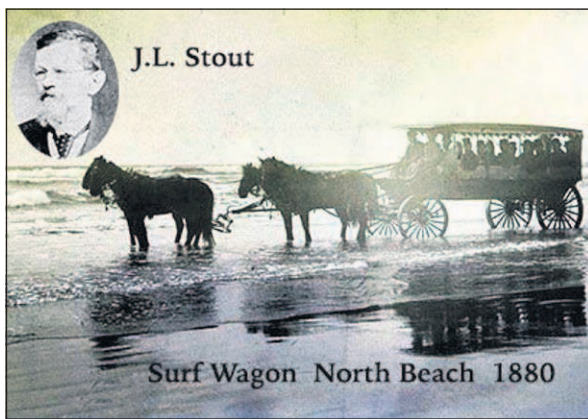
**Capt. Jonathan Thorne** didn't heed the warning, but when a suspiciously large crowd showed up in canoes the next day, he ordered seven men into the rigging to set sail. Meanwhile, as the brisk trading continued on deck, the Wickaninish were hiding their knives and strategically positioning themselves. The attack, once launched, was a slaughter.

The surviving men in the rigging descended, but two were lost coming down. Four uninjured crewmen and one other, mortally wounded, headed for the cabin, found weapons, and managed to roust the invaders. Before dawn the next morning, the four boarded a longboat and left. Eventually driven ashore by foul weather, they were caught and murdered.

The wounded man stayed behind, professing he wanted to die on the Tonquin. After the others left, he leaned over the side, and gestured he needed help. The Wickaninish boarded, and while they were engrossed opening the hatches, he set fire to a 9,000 round magazine, blowing everyone, and the Tonquin, to smithereens.

It took Lamayzie, who was already ashore when the ship exploded, 14 months to get back to Astoria to report the Tonquin's unhappy ending. And the rest is history.

## SEA VIEW HOUSE



One advertisement was a bit odd in the June 15, 1881 edition of *The Daily Astorian*: "**Sea View House, J.L. Stout**, proprietor. North Pacific Beach, Washington Territory. Will be open for visitors **July 4, 1881**. It is one mile nearer Ilwaco than last season." Huh?

Sometime in the late 1860s, Jonathan Stout and his second wife, **Annie Gearhart** of Clatsop Plains, moved to **Unity** (the old name for Ilwaco). He became the postmaster there, built a house, and then a hotel to attract tourists, which he named Bay View (after Baker Bay, no doubt).

In 1871, he bought 400 acres of what is now the town of Seaview for 50 cents an acre (about \$10 now). He opened a resort there in 1873. From the 1881 ad, it's obvious an on-the-move Sea View House was already up and running, but most current historians say the Sea View House hotel wasn't built until 1886.

Be that as it may, Mr. Stout's resort was a hit. His obnoxious wife, not so much. A snarky snippet from the *Portland Oregonian* appeared in an 1887 New York publication "Life": "Sister, thou hast left us ... (All) will be rejoiced to hear that Mr. J.L. Stout, proprietor of the Sea View House, has been granted a divorce from Mrs. Stout, whom it would be a piece of glaring mendacity to call his 'better half' ... She is gone, and guests at the Sea View House will be terrorized by her no more."

Unfortunately, the cost of the divorce, and a fire in 1892 that destroyed the hotel (which was not rebuilt), ruined him financially. He died in 1896. Community historian **Joan Mann**, with assistance from **Ron Hylton** of Penttila's Chapel, replaced his simple wooden marker with a granite headstone in 2017.

([tinyurl.com/StoutLife](http://tinyurl.com/StoutLife), [tinyurl.com/1JLStout](http://tinyurl.com/1JLStout), [tinyurl.com/2JLStout](http://tinyurl.com/2JLStout), [tinyurl.com/3JLStout](http://tinyurl.com/3JLStout))

## PLEASE FENCE ME IN



"We're desperate!" **Fences for Fido** posted on their Facebook page. "**Whiskey** and **Tank** (pictured) are two lovable Saint Bernards who spend their days in a small outdoor kennel. We are scheduled to build them a fence this Saturday, and have only a couple of volunteers signed up. The build is in **Chinook, Washington**, a beautiful drive on what's supposed to be a beautiful day."

Want to help these big ol' boys get a nice, fenced in yard? Sign up here: [bit.ly/whiskeytankbuild](http://bit.ly/whiskeytankbuild)

"Way too much dawg for a small kennel, don't you think?" Jennifer Adams of Fences for Fido asks. "What's better than a scenic road trip to a small coastal town, where you get to be part of giving the gift of freedom to two deserving dogs. And maybe get a hug from a Saint Bernard!"

## LOCAL BREVITIES



**T**idbits from *The Daily Astorian*, Wednesday, June 15, 1881: • Master **Will Warren** has received, direct from New York, one of the handsomest bicycles on the Pacific coast; it cost \$150 (\$3,490 now), and is a real beauty. Will is very proud of it.

**Note:** The bicycles of 1881, aka velocipedes, had a chest-high (at least) front wheel and a small back wheel ([tinyurl.com/cyclehist](http://tinyurl.com/cyclehist)). A leap of faith was required to mount and dismount. A how-to is here: [tinyurl.com/upboneshaker](http://tinyurl.com/upboneshaker)

• **Miraculous Escape:** Two men fishing for **James Quinn** came in through the surf on the northern beach in front of **Mr. L.A. Loomis'** (pictured inset) place Sunday night, after drifting about on the ocean for 14 hours. Their boat had capsized in the breakers but the net hung to it, and they hung to the boat and net; being towed, tangled as they were in the meshes of the net, a great part of the time. They came to the city on Monday. The boat and net were also saved

**Note:** James Quinn owned a tiny cannery in Quinn's, somewhere near Clatskanie. After leasing the fishing grounds to cannery owner **J.O. Hanthorn** for \$1 a year, a messy lawsuit for breach of contract eventually ensued ([tinyurl.com/JOandQuinn](http://tinyurl.com/JOandQuinn)).

It's hard to say where businessman and developer **Louis Alfred Loomis'** "place" was in 1881. However, in the late 1880s, his place was a beachfront Victorian mansion, just south of Klipsan Beach, with 12-foot ceilings, eight bedrooms, and extensive grounds, that was torn down in 1953. He also built the Clamshell Railroad, connecting Nahcotta, Washington, to Ilwaco ([tinyurl.com/sydneytells](http://tinyurl.com/sydneytells)).

• **Beer ad:** "... I have an old father who's now eighty-three / and this is the advice he gave unto me / He spoke to me kindly with a voice bright and clear: / "If you want to be healthy, drink Albany beer" ... **C. Grattke**, Welcome Saloon

## GOONIE OVERLOAD



Feeling a little let down because **Goonies Week** is over? The Ear has just the ticket for you to keep you occupied for a while: "**Goonies, The Trivia Questions & Answers**" ([tinyurl.com/GoonTest1](http://tinyurl.com/GoonTest1)). There are 257 questions, some only the most dedicated Goonie fan could answer. For example: "How many lawnmower jobs did it take Brand to have enough money to buy his bike?" Answer: 376.

Then there's **The Goonies Trivia and Quizzes** ([tinyurl.com/GoonTest2](http://tinyurl.com/GoonTest2)), which boasts "over 275 questions in rotation" and a "new quiz every hour!" and consists of numerous small tests created by fans of the movie.

Both sites have annoying duplicate questions, but they should provide Goonie overload until next June rolls around.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### SATURDAY

**Chinook Indian Nation Annual General Meeting** — Registration starts at 9 a.m.; meeting at 11 a.m., South Bend High School cafeteria, 400 First St., South Bend, Washington. Meeting open to all tribal members; attendees are reminded to bring a potluck item. For questions, contact the Tribal Office at 360-875-6670.

**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.

**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)

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**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

33rd St. Needlework, hardanger, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and quilting. All are welcome. For information, call 503-325-1364 or 503-325-7960.

**Grace and Encouragement for Moms** — 10 to 11:30 a.m., Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. GEMS group is a time for moms to relax and enjoy each others' company.

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