

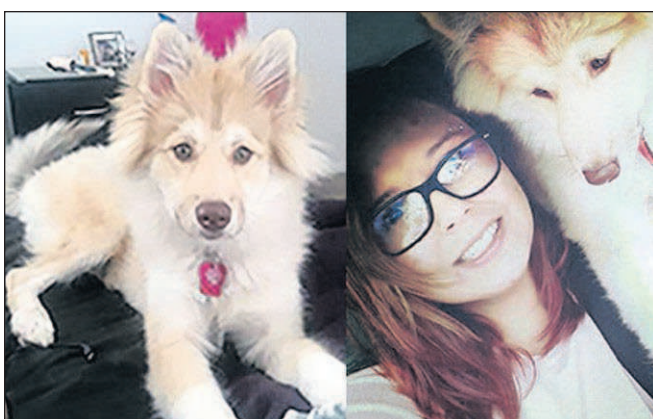
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KONA IS STILL MISSING



Kayla Edmondson's 8-month old dog, **Kona**, a female Pomsky (Pomeranian-husky mix) has been missing since May 8. The 15-pound pup has a life-threatening blood condition, and needs medication.

"I'm asking people to keep eyes open for Internet sales, as there's been speculation of her being sold," Kayla said. "But also keep an open mind that she could have been lost. And she loves hanging her head out of the car window."

There's also a concern that someone who doesn't use social media may have found Kona, and not realize she's missing. Legally, if you find someone's pet, you are required to actively look for the owner for 30 days if you don't surrender the animal to a shelter.

There's a \$2,500 reward for Kona's return. If you spot her, call Kayla at 313-244-2313 or the Astoria Police Department at 503-325-4411. There is a Facebook page, "Kona Missing Pomsky."

"I love my little girl so much," Kayla 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."

FOUR 'BEST PLACES'



Well, it's official: Tourists love the North Coast. **FlipKey** by **TripAdvisor** recently compiled a list of "15 Best Places to Vacation on the Oregon Coast" (tinyurl.com/flipkey15). The North Coast scored well, with **Gearhart** coming in at No. 4 (pictured, courtesy of Flipkey), **Arch Cape** at No. 6, **Cannon Beach** at No. 7, and **Seaside** at No. 9.

If you're wondering how the towns were chosen, it was according to vacation rental review scores on TripAdvisor. Each place had to have at least 15 bookable properties, 100 total reviews, and at least a 4.5 out of 5 average score.

IF ONLY IT COULD TALK ...



On Saturday, **Don Kelly** was driving up 16th Street from Custard King, and mistakenly thought an empty lot he spotted was the site of the **Fort Astoria** replica, which is actually at the corner of 15th and Exchange.

Fearing the vacant lot meant the fort had been torn down, he stopped to do some metal detecting into Astoria's history. "To my amazement, and about 16 inches deep, I pulled up what I believe to be an old **iron cannonball** weighing in at 6 pounds," Don wrote. "Thinking about Fort Astoria, and pulling that out of the ground, really made my day!" A photo of the cannonball is shown, courtesy of Don Kelly.

Where did the cannonball come from? **Nancy Rawls** found the most likely answer in "Shell Drake: Canadian Artillery Museums and Gun Monuments" by Harold A. Skaarup (tinyurl.com/6pounder):

"In 1814 Fort Astoria had a cannon style swivel gun and several heavy guns which had been brought by sea. These included a four pounder and six long naval six-pounders from the (British ship) **Isaac Todd**." Don's cannonball probably being part of this artillery makes sense.

"The vacant corner lot on 16th Street threw me for a loop, but made me more determined to find something special, and indeed I did," Don added. "If it could only talk, I'd love to hear its journey!"

'THE PLAYGROUND OF MILLIONAIRES'



In the Sunday, June 22, 1884, edition of The Daily Morning Astorian: "There is a strip of sand running from opposite Garibaldi, Tillamook County, to Cape Meares, that has all the attributes necessary to make a desirable seaside resort. Not the least among its attractions is its isolation. ... Just now it is not 'fashionable.' As soon as a great four square house is built and 'improvements' are made, and it is duly advertised as a 'resort,' it will have lost its chiefest charm."

In 1884, this spit of land — Pacific Ocean on one side, Tillamook Bay on the other — was only used for camping parties. But in 1906, **T.B. Potter** bought the 600-acre spit, and began selling lots in the aptly named **Bayocean**, touted as the "Queen of Oregon Resorts" and "the playground of millionaires."

The resort had paved, lighted streets, businesses, a "luxury" hotel and a saltwater pool in the Natatorium (pictured, courtesy of PDXHistory.com), which also featured a waterfall, wave machine, orchestras serenading swimmers and a 1,000-seat movie theater. Since there was no land access, Potter built what was then the largest yacht on the West Coast, Bayocean, in 1914 to bring in prospective buyers.

The demise of the resort began when the Army Corps of Engineers agreed to build a single jetty at the north mouth of Tillamook Bay in 1917. The Corps warned that a second jetty was needed, but no one wanted to pay for it.

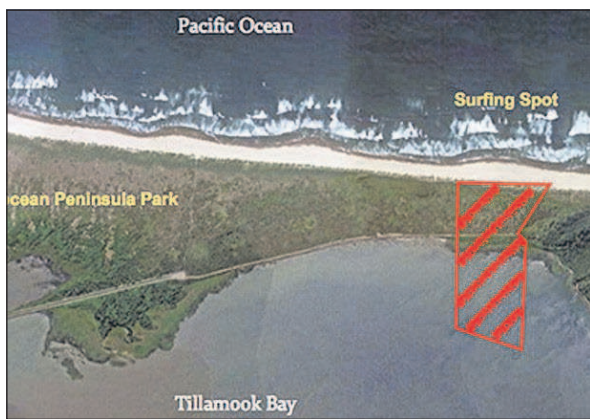
As a result, the redirected ocean currents began eroding and narrowing the spit at a rate of 60 feet a year by the 1940s; the last house fell into the ocean in 1960. Nothing remains of the "Queen of Oregon Resorts" but small bits of debris in the sand.

Even though Bayocean became an island in 1952, the post office didn't close until 1953, when the postman — who was one of the first, and also the last Bayocean resident — **Francis Drake Mitchell**, was court ordered into the State Hospital in Salem. He would not have left otherwise.

Ironically, a breakwater was built in 1956, and a second jetty, which counterbalanced the effects of the first jetty, and the spit has rebuilt itself. What happens to it next remains to be seen.

(tinyurl.com/bocean1, tinyurl.com/bayocean2, tinyurl.com/bocean3)

'AN IDEAL PLACE'



Now that **Bayocean Spit** has stabilized, it has returned to its original pristine state. Much like it was in 1884, it is a place for the family to go camping, hiking and bird-watching. So what's next? If the powers that be aren't diligent, redevelopment.

Tillamook County took over most of the Bayocean lots via foreclosure some time ago. Even though the spit is technically a Tillamook County park, the **Oregon Coast Alliance** reports that there are no funds allotted for it to actually be maintained for public use (tinyurl.com/bayocean2)

Adding complications to the already tricky situation, there are private land owners whose properties on the spit about the park. One landowner in particular, Portland developer **Dale Bernards**, had plans for developing the 50-plus acres he bought in 2008.

He started by penning up a few goats on his site. Then in 2009, he inquired about approval for a "caretaker's dwelling" to start a farm, but was told the spit's comprehensive plan wouldn't allow it. Aside from ecological issues, there is no infrastructure whatsoever.

Undaunted, in 2014, Bernards wanted to build an "eco-resort" with glamour camping, horses, a marina and a marine research lab on his land. That proposal was turned down in 2015 by the Tillamook County Planning Commission.

Now Mr. Bernards' chunk of the spit is up for sale by his company, Canterbury Commercial LLC, described as "an ideal place to take in the beauty of the Oregon coast ..." You can find it listed under "Property" at canterburycommercialllc.com. A photo is shown, from the website.

Just think ... for \$495,000 you can own a bit of Oregon Coast history. And it might even stay put, this time around.

SWEET CASES FOR HARD TIMES



Picture this: A young child is being told by police officer and a social worker that she has to leave (her home) with them," **Jeri Normandin** (pictured inset) wrote. "... They quickly gather some of her things into a trash bag and take her from her home. ... We can do better.

"Children's division workers do all that they can to help these children, but they have so many kids, and not a lot of funds. We at **Starfish Minis Daycare** are working ... to raise money so we can provide Clatsop County Children's Division 'sweet cases.'

"... These duffel bags will be decorated with fun designs and encouragement, filled with a pillow pet/stuffed animal, coloring books/crayons, blanket and hygiene kit that will belong to them, and go with them, throughout their journey."

Jeri hopes to raise at least \$2,775 to make 100 "sweet cases." Anyone can donate at tinyurl.com/sweetbags

"These children deserve to know their emotional needs are just as important as their physical needs," she added. "We can show them they are special and cared for by putting these bags in their hands."

"Let's show them they deserve more than a trash bag to carry their most precious belongings ... because a child's belongings are never trash."

ONE IN 100 MILLION



Less than 400 people took notice when Maine fisherman **Robin Russell** caught a rare **albino lobster** last November off the eastern coast of Canada and posted a photo on his Instagram account.

Just recently, however, when the image popped up on a popular Maine Instagram feed with 27,000 followers, it went viral, and was picked up by several news outlets. The lobster, named Lucky, is shown courtesy of [@robinsonfrankrussell](https://www.instagram.com/robinsonfrankrussell) and [@igermaine](https://www.instagram.com/igermaine).

"The odds of finding an albino lobster are one in 100 million lobsters. Yet, people do find them," University of Maine's Lobster Institute explained. "One in 100 million. That's a long way from the one in 2 million blue lobsters that appear in nature." (tinyurl.com/1in100m)

Lucky got lucky. Russell donated him to the Huntsman Marine Science Center/Fundy Discovery Aquarium in St. Andrews, Canada, where, he said in an Instagram post, Lucky "will now live out the rest of its life with a bunch of other cool colored lobsters."

'WISH YOU WERE HERE'



One of the few postcards mailed from the **Titanic** is up for auction July 18 at **Warwick & Warwick Auctioneers** in England, and is expected to fetch at least £20,000 (about \$26,350), according to a press release on the auction house's website, tinyurl.com/postTitan.

The postcard was mailed by **Sarah Daniels** (nickname Figg) — four days before the ship sank — to her friend, Miss Green. She wrote, in pencil, "I wish you were here, it is a lovely boat & it would do you good. Am just going on deck." The postcard is pictured, courtesy of Warwick & Warwick.

Daniels was a maid to the Allison family. She tried, unsuccessfully, to warn them of the danger when the ship hit the iceberg, and survived because she boarded a lifeboat. The rest of the family group perished except the nursemaid, Alice Cleaver, who also saved the Allisons' baby.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

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.

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.,

Sit & Stitch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Homespun Quilts & Yam, 108 10th St. Bring knitting, crochet or

or go to astoriafiberarts.com

Karaoke — 7 to 8 p.m., Seaside Lodge and International Hostel, 930 N. Holladay Drive, Seaside. Free session, all ages, for those who love to sing karaoke. Refreshments served. For information, call 503-738-7911.

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.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway. Family to Family Support Group, for anyone with friend or loved one suffering from a serious brain (mental)

illness. For information, contact Myra Kero at 503-738-6165, or kerowood@q.com, or go to nami.org

Line Dancing — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315 Seaside. 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 in-

formation, 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.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225

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