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BEER GLUE

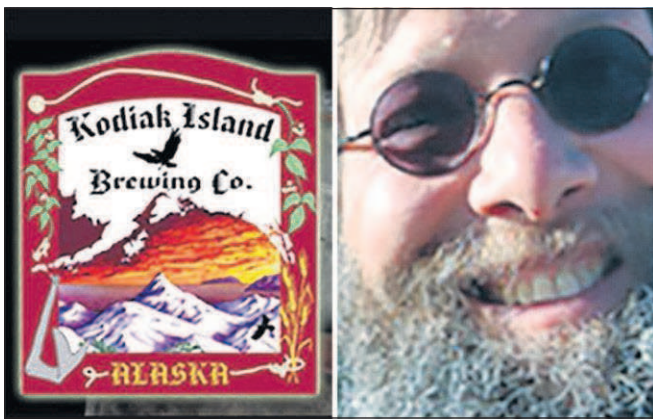


File this one under “Why Didn’t Someone Think of This Sooner”: Danish beer maker **Carlsberg** has come up with an idea that will make both beer drinkers and environmentalists happy: The **Snap Pack**, pictured courtesy of Carlsberg (bit.ly/ecocarl).

Instead of those plastic ring holders that keep a six-pack together, Snap Pack cans of beer are held together with a dab of glue that is strong enough to do the job, yet it’s still easy to pull the cans apart.

Carlsberg figures this new packaging method will reduce the amount of plastic used in traditional multipacks by up to 76 percent. And, between the Snap Pack and other recent eco-friendly innovations they’ve come up with, Carlsberg estimates they’ll reduce global plastic waste by the equivalent of about 60 million plastic bags a year. No small feat, indeed.

HE LIKES IT



Kodiak Island Brewing Co. in Alaska is making environmentally friendly suds by brewing a **kelp-based beer, Sea Level Gose**, Alaska Fish Radio reports (bit.ly/kelpbrew).

A gose is “a sour, German wheat beer made with coriander and salt.” **Ben Millstein**, the brewery owner, said, “we used the amount of kelp that we thought would replace the amount of salt.” He is pictured, courtesy of kodiakbrewery.com

The kelp comes from **Kodiak Island Sustainable Seaweed** (kisskelp.com), run by commercial fisherman **Nick Mangini**, whose business motto is “KISS premium sea vegetables are the ocean’s superfood.” But how does that superfood taste in beer?

Well, Alaska Gov. **Bill Walker** christened and sampled the beer recently. Although he was advised by Millstein to “calibrate his palate” before tasting, it wasn’t necessary, apparently. “It’s very good,” the mayor admitted. “I like it.”

THE TUBA-DOURS



“Tuesday marked the very first time that a Disney cruise ship visited Astoria,” Clatsop Cruise Host **Larry Bryant** observed. “Unlike other ships, that only give a blast on a single horn when they leave a dock, Disney ships play music on multiple horns.

“After enjoying a great day in Astoria with perfect weather, the **Disney Wonder** saluted the town by playing the opening phrase of ‘When You Wish Upon a Star.’ Returning the favor, members of the **Astoria Tuba Quartet** completed the famous Disney tune for the enjoyment of the passengers and crew aboard the ship.”

The tuba-dours of the day were **Lee Stromquist, Bob Joiner, Brian Bergman** and **Greg Morrill**, all members of the North Coast Symphonic Band. They also performed a few other Disney tunes, including the “Micky Mouse Song,” and “It’s a Small World.”

The short concert was arranged through the Clatsop Cruise Hosts and the Port of Astoria. “Larry Bryant approached us a couple of months ago,” Stromquist recalled. He knew it was important both to Bryant, and to the community, to have the Disney ship come, so the musicians agreed to appear.

“It was something new to do,” he added. “We had fun, and the weather cooperated.”

WHAT’S IN A NAME? VEXATION.



In response to **Barbara Balseiro’s** letter to the editor Wednesday, and her dismay that **Leif Ericson’s** name is misspelled around Astoria, the Ear humbly submits there’s good reason for confusion. As **George Heiner** once asked, after taking the photos shown, “Will the real Leif Lief Erikson Erikson please stand up?”

Well, the Norwegian Viking Network says it’s spelled **Leif Ericsson**. The **Leif Erikson International Foundation** thinks they’ve got the spelling pegged, too. BBC History agrees, but says it’s also spelled **Leif Ericsson**, or **Leif Eiriksson**, but they’re not Scandinavians. The Sons of Norway Blog says it’s **Leif Eriksson**.

One writer at NorwegianAmerican.com agrees it’s Eriksson, and insists that “... using Latin ‘c’ (in the name) is the most removed from the Norse, and the least authentic,” and there should be two “s”es, i.e. Erick’s son. That makes sense, anyway.

Let’s not even get into the way the explorer’s name would be spelled in Iceland, where he was born.

Back to Astoria. The Ear wondered if maybe the street was named for a distinguished Scandinavian citizen instead of the Norse explorer. Nope, not likely, says **Liisa Penner**, archivist at the Clatsop County Historical Society. She sent this quote from the Sons of Norway membership history for the Nidaros Lodge No. 60:

“In 1934, when Astoria was looking for a name for the highway leading into Astoria from the east, the lodge sponsored a drive to name it the **Leif Erikson**. A mass meeting was held at the Odd Fellows Hall, to which the press was invited. Rev. M.A. Christensen was the main speaker and Hans Lovvold acted as chairman for the committee. The name was approved by the City Council.” Apparently some of the local sign painters didn’t get the memo, or the spelling, either.

So, the answer to how to correctly spell the Nordic hero’s name is: There is no definitive answer.

FLAVEL TO THE RESCUE



Wednesday marks the 165th anniversary of the wreck of the American barkentine **Oriole** on the notorious Columbia River bar. Bound for Astoria from San Francisco under **Capt. Lentz**, with a heavy cargo of stone and building materials, she arrived outside the bar Sept. 18, 1853. Pictured, a similar barkentine, **Mary Jenness**, by Luigi Renault.

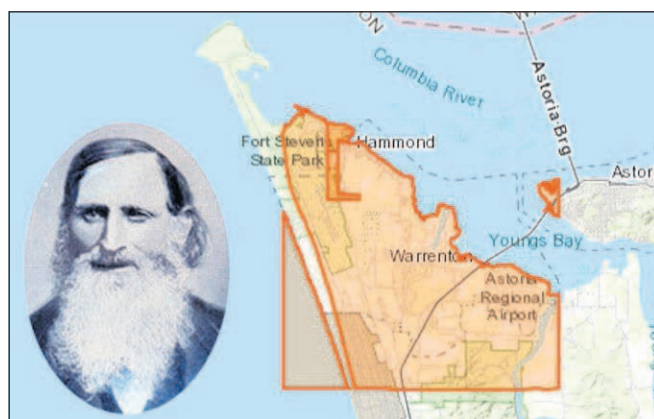
The Oriole took bar pilot **Capt. George Flavel** (inset) aboard at 9 that evening. The next noon, a southwest wind blew up, and she headed for the bar, entering at 3 p.m., just in time for wind to die. It couldn’t have been a worse time. The ebb tide tugged at her, and in heavy breakers the Oriole was dragged right onto a sand bar in less than 20 feet of water.

With the rudder torn loose, and taking on water fast, the tide began drawing her relentlessly toward the mouth of the river when the crew sensibly gave up, and abandoned ship. Just outside the bar, in about 30 feet of water, the Oriole rolled over and sank. Fifteen minutes later, it was observed there was nothing left of her sticking out of the water but the topsail yardarms.

The 32 on board had escaped in boats, but they had to struggle for 12 hours to keep from being pulled out to sea themselves, as they had to wait until the next morning to be picked up by the pilot schooner. None were lost, which was attributed to Capt. Flavel’s skillful handling of the potentially lethal situation, and a grateful Capt. Lentz presented him with a testimonial in appreciation.

And now, as Paul Harvey used to say, for the rest of the story. The wreck of the Oriole ended the first attempt to build the Cape Disappointment Lighthouse; she was carrying both the men and materials needed for that endeavor. Between the wreck and the need for additional appropriations, the lighthouse was not completed until three years later, in 1856. (bit.ly/oriole101, bit.ly/oriole102)

CORNERVILLE REVISITED



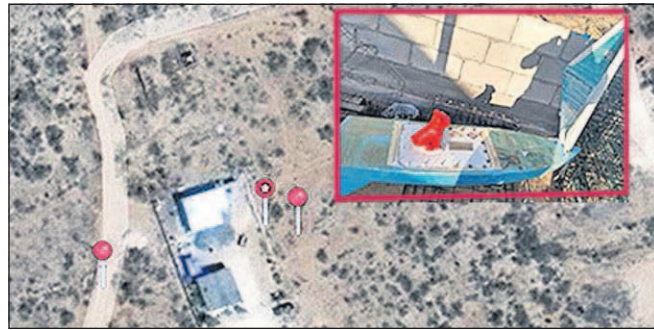
In last week’s column, there was mention of **Bartholomew Carek Kindred** filing a plat in September 1888 for a new town he wanted to call **Cornersville**, described as “between the military reservation east of Fort Stevens and the site for the new life saving station” in what is now Hammond.

But no mention of Cornersville could be found in later editions. What happened? Looks like he renamed it, that’s what. “The plats that Mr. Kindred filed were Kindred Park, then First Addition to Kindred Park,” **Bill Shaw** wrote, clarifying the matter. “If you look at the plat maps of what was Hammond, you will find these legends.

“Kindred Park extends from the property line of what was Fort Stevens east to about where the fire station is located, which is, also, the beginning of the New Astoria Plat (now Hammond). First Addition to Kindred Park is a relatively small plat northwest of Kindred Park, off of the road to the Hammond Mooring Basin, now Lake Drive.” He adds the disclaimer that this is all from memory, but it certainly sounds reasonable.

According to the Bureau of Land Management, Kindred received title to the original land claim of 639.9 acres in the Warrenton/Hammond area in June 1873 (bit.ly/BCKland).

BACK TO BAJA



That **Boat-A-Lahti** — the Hilda Lahti Elementary School/Columbia River Maritime Museum miniboat project — sure gets around. Everywhere but west, to Japan, where it’s supposed to be heading.

After several beachings, and a stubborn attraction to the Baja Peninsula — and after being released at sea six days earlier by a tuna boat, **Maria Isabel II** — it was back to Baha. Again. This time, her GPS tracker showed she was actually 15 miles from the beach, in a back yard in San Juanico. What to do?

CRMM’s **Nate Sandel** got onto Facebook with a plea for help to the Friends of Scorpion Bay Campground and Cantina. Fortunately, **Janet Harrington**, who lives in Colorado and winters in Baja, saw his post.

“She reposted on her personal Facebook page in Spanish, and tagged a few friends who live in town,” Nate explained. “A gentleman named Fernando went to the house (he knew the house by looking at the map), and talked to the fisherman who found it, and has it in his yard. They are going to bring it to the middle school to get some photos and use the Internet. We are making arrangements for the local fisherman to relaunch.”

Stay tuned.

AWFUL



Last week’s mystery photo by **Jan Mitchell** of a ghostly webbing on an Alderbrook park tree (shown) is a mystery no more. The Ear thanks the several people wrote in or called with answers.

Lauri Kraemer Serafin, Reba Owen and **Karen Elder** thought it was a **tent caterpillar** nest. **Dane Osis**, park ranger at Fort Stevens State Park, **Gene Hancock** and **Samantha Halo** figured it was a **fall webworm** nest. While the two seem hard to tell apart at first glance, there are distinct differences.

For one thing, according to Oregon State University’s Pacific Northwest Nursery website (bit.ly/ughworms), fall webworms enclose themselves inside their nest with their food, and tent caterpillars hang around (literally) outside their web. Long story short, Jan’s photo shows a fall webworm nest.

Although both types of nests give most people the flim-flams, OSU says tent caterpillars are “not damaging the vitality of the trees,” and webworms “rarely cause significant damage.” They just look awful.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY
Astor Elementary School Rummage Sale — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the school’s “Little Gym,” 3550 Franklin Ave. All proceeds go toward new books for the school library.

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

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mage Sale — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the school’s “Little Gym,” 3550 Franklin Ave. All proceeds go towards new books for the school library.

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.

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, handcraft, 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. Free childcare is provided. For information, call Christina Leonard at 503-298-3936.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60;

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