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## HONORED AND GRATEFUL



**Betty Bagley, 87, from Svensen and my father, Nick Zafiratos, 92, from Astoria, both were honored for their service with the recent Honor Flight of Portland.** Molly Koehnke of Tampa, Florida, wrote. Ms. Bagley served in the Korean War, and Molly's father served in World War II, both in the Army. Molly accompanied the veterans as a "guardian"; all three travelers are pictured.

"We flew out to Washington D.C.," Molly recalled, "(and) upon arrival, there were approximately 400 to 500 people standing, clapping and cheering as we deplaned. This crowd was lined up all the way to baggage claim. The veterans, as well as us guardians, were extremely moved by the love, respect and appreciation our veterans received. Most of us were in tears. I know that experience alone is one my father and I will never forget!"

While in D.C., their visit included going to several memorials and the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. "Flying home, we had a mail call," she remembered. "Letters were received by our veterans from friends, families, and even grade school children, thanking them for their service. Upon arrival at PDX, again we were greeted by military personnel and others cheering our veterans. Later, special coins and 'Quilts of Valor' were given to the veterans, as well."

Clatsop County veterans can reach out to Honor Flight of Portland, [PortlandHonorFlight.org](http://PortlandHonorFlight.org), which is funded solely by donations (and always needs volunteers). There is no cost to the veteran, and World War II veterans get priority, since only 10 percent are left. There is a charge to be a guardian, which covers flights, meals and tours. "I believe it's worth every penny!" Molly declared.

"Personally, I will never forget the Honor Flight, and feel so honored and grateful that I was able to be my father's guardian," she added. "This was a truly amazing trip with such wonderful veterans, guardians and the Honor Flight staff. I gained so much more respect and appreciation for not only what my father did for our country, but all veterans."

## LOCAL BREVITIES



**Tidbits from the Friday, Oct. 19, 1888 edition of The Daily Morning Astorian:**

• The East Portland city council has lost a sewer, which has sunk out of sight. Astoria has no sewers, and can't lose any.

**But then:** Arrangements are about concluded to lay a terra cotta sewer on the east side of Benton Street, from Eighth Street north to the river. ... The cost is estimated to be \$1.13 a foot (\$30 now).

**Note:** Here's a hint: Benton Street then is Eighth Street now. For 1888 street names, and eye strain, check out [bit.ly/sfim1888](http://bit.ly/sfim1888)

• Good milch cow and calf, for sale. Cow gives 3 1/2 gallons milk, daily. Apply to Otto Peterson, Upper Astoria.

**Note:** Now that dairy farming is a big industry, a cow is expected to produce six to seven gallons of milk a day. ([bit.ly/6gals](http://bit.ly/6gals))

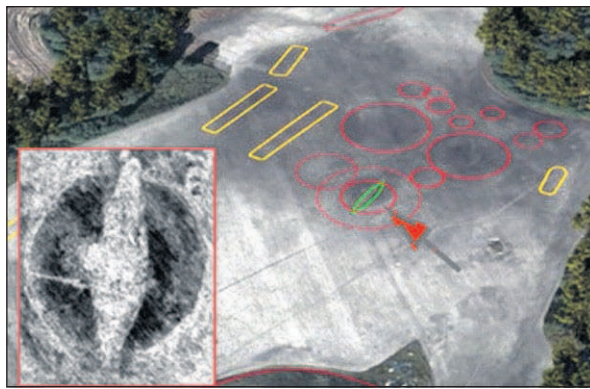
• **Job Ross** furnished this office with a genuine novelty yesterday in the shape of a buckeye from his buckeye tree. ... These nuts are sovereign specifics of rheumatism. A man with a buckeye in his pocket can snap his fingers at that foe to nerve and muscle.

**Note:** Horse chestnuts were believed to cure rheumatism by German and Dutch immigrants, according to HowStuffWorks.com. Its attributes were probably passed on to its look-alike cousin, the buckeye (pictured, inset), which was also thought to bring good luck if kept in your pocket.

• **New York:** The Inman line (passenger) steamer City of New York has arrived from Liverpool this morning ... in six days and 12 hours. ... It is thought that the big steamer will later (make the) voyage in a little over five days, and thus carry out the promises of her builders.

**Note:** It's six to eight days now; speed isn't an issue any more (<http://bit.ly/crossAtl>). If you take a cargo ship, it would take nine-plus days, according to "Armo Travels," a Finnish backpacker's blog ([bit.ly/finnarimo](http://bit.ly/finnarimo))

## INCREDIBLE FIND



When archaeologists from the Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research (NIKU) decided to check out a large field next to the Jelle mound in Østfold County, Norway, using motorized high resolution georadar, they were startled to find a **65-foot long Viking ship**, along with several burial mounds and longhouses, about 20 inches below the topsoil, ScienceNordic.com reports ([bit.ly/buriedship](http://bit.ly/buriedship)). The images are courtesy of NIKU.

The ship was actually part of a burial mound. Only the bottom part remains, but it appears to be well preserved. The original mounds were destroyed by plowing. More study of the area is planned.

"This find is incredibly exciting," Knut Paasche, of NIKU, a Viking ship expert said, "as we only know three well-preserved Viking ship finds in Norway excavated long time ago."

## 'SOME KIND OF STICK'



**Eight-year-old Swedish-American girl Saga Vanecek**, while playing near her family's home in Småland, Sweden, made a remarkable discovery when she pulled an **ancient sword** from a lake, according to The Local Sweden ([bit.ly/lakesword](http://bit.ly/lakesword)). Saga and the sword are shown in photos by her father, **Andrew Vanecek**.

"I was outside in the water, throwing sticks and stones and stuff to see how far they skip," she told The Local, "and then I found some kind of stick. I picked it up and was going to drop it back in the water, but it had a handle, and I saw that it was a little bit pointy at the end and all rusty."

Her father took the sword to Jönköpings Läns Museum, where it was estimated to date back to the 5th or 6th century A.D., which is **pre-Viking**. "Why it has come to be there, we don't know," Mikael Nordström from the museum said. Despite becoming famous for her historic find, Saga hasn't changed her career goals. She still wants to be "a doctor, vet or an actress in Paris."

## CASTING CALL



**Adam and the Backgrounds casting agency** ([adamandthebackgrounds.com](http://adamandthebackgrounds.com)) is looking for extras to work on the Netflix series "Trinkets" in Portland this fall, The Oregonian reports. "Trinkets" is about three teenage girls who become friends while attending mandatory Shoplifters Anonymous meetings.

"Anyone can apply," agency founder **Adam Rosko** said, but especially late teens and early 20s. He's pictured in a selfie from his website. Stand-ins, and people with vehicles that could be featured are also needed. Apply at [bit.ly/trinketsapp](http://bit.ly/trinketsapp)

A little background on the background guy: In 2015, Rosko joined the "Portlandia" casting department, finding background people for Seasons 6 and 7 before founding his own agency.

And, unheard of in "props that eat" biz, from the website: "Adam takes tremendous joy making sure each background player has a satisfying experience being part of the filmmaking team that day." Probably because his first job was as an extra in the 2002 film "Spider-Man."

## A GOOD DEED



In July, there was a story about **Sarah Marie** establishing the **rescue Orion Acres**, in Long Beach, Washington. She is **saving captured mustangs** from being sent to kill pens in Eastern Washington, where she ran a rescue farm for more than 20 years.

"We did raise enough money to save a few captured mustangs from shipping for slaughter!" she wrote in an update. "One mare and her foal came here, as well as two orphans whose moms were already shipped. All three foals have been adopted! The mother will be staying for training once she gains more weight." Join the Orion Acres Facebook group at [bit.ly/OrionAcres](http://bit.ly/OrionAcres) for photos and the latest updates.

"I want to be able to continue rescue, rehab, training and rehoming all year," Sarah Marie explained, "but it isn't healthy to keep horses here much longer without good shelters. The wind, combined with the rain, is so chilling. I have the property, time and experience, but it is truly dangerous for them in our stormy weather."

"Feeding skinny horses is a few times the cost of a healthy horse, plus their extra needs," she observed. "Even now, a couple need to wear winter blankets to make up for being underweight. I am ordering a load of hay, and have very little to work with after. I pay for them out of pocket, with occasional donations."

You can donate at [paypal.me/orionacres](http://paypal.me/orionacres), buy her homemade soaps at [orionacres.com](http://orionacres.com), and email her for volunteer opportunities at [orionacres@usa.com](mailto:orionacres@usa.com)

"We're about \$350 away from having a stall for the wild mustang mare," Sarah Marie noted. "Since she can't be handled yet, she can't wear a waterproof blanket this winter."

"If you are able to donate," she added, "it sure would be incredible!"

## LOOK UP



With the arrival of fall, it's a grand time to look at the night skies. But what if you don't know what's what up there? **Stellarium.org** has the answer with a free planetarium program for your computer. Stellarium "shows a realistic sky in 3D, just like what you see with the naked eye, binoculars or a telescope. It is being used in planetarium projectors. Just set your coordinates and go," the website says. (Image courtesy of Stellarium.org)

OK, don't know your coordinates? The program will help you figure that one out. Still stumped? Download the 300-plus page user guide and start studying.

## A SOUVENIR OF APPRECIATION



A treasure trove of **RMS Titanic items and memorabilia** is being auctioned Saturday at **Henry Aldridge & Son** of Devizes in Wilts, England, and you can peruse the catalogue at [bit.ly/titanmem](http://bit.ly/titanmem).

Of special interest is a gold watch that was given to the captain of the **Carpathia**, the ship that rescued the Titanic survivors. His initials are on the cover; the inscription inside says: "Presented to Captain Rostron with the heartfelt gratitude and appreciation of three survivors of the Titanic April 15th, 1912 Mrs. John B. Thayer, Mrs. John Jacob Astor and Mrs. George D. Widener." The watch is shown, courtesy of Henry Aldridge & Son.

Mrs. Astor was the widow **John Jacob Astor IV**, who went down with the ship. The watch was presented to him at a luncheon she gave in his honor at her home on Fifth Avenue in New York as "a souvenir of her appreciation of what he did for her comfort and for all the survivors of the Titanic."

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### SATURDAY

**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 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.

**Angora Hiking Club** — 2 p.m., 376 S. Denver Ave. Fall Potluck Meeting and Election of Officers. For information, call Bob and Aletha Westerberg at 503-325-4315 or go to [angorahikingclub.org](http://angorahikingclub.org)

**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.

**Senior Lunch** — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Suzanne Bjarranson at 503-861-4202.

**Columbia Senior Diners** —

11:30 a.m., 1111 Exchange St. Cost is \$6. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

**Warrenton Senior Lunch Program** — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

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