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## MAMMOTH FIND



An enthusiastic puppy named **Scout** dug up a “rock” he loved to play with in **Kirk Lacewell’s** back yard in Langley, Washington on **Whidbey Island**, Fox News reports (<http://bit.ly/mammoth>). Upon closer examination, he realized it wasn’t a rock at all, and took some photos. Lacewell and Scout are pictured, along with Scout’s find, courtesy of screen shots from a Fox News video.

“I called the museum over there at the University of Washington,” he recalled, “and the paleontologists examined the pictures and told me this was part of a **wooly mammoth tooth**.” Which makes that “rock” a 13,000-year-old fossil.

While it’s apparently not a rare find in Western Washington, nonetheless Scout’s proud owner is going to keep the tooth as a “family heirloom.”

## AMAZING JETHRO

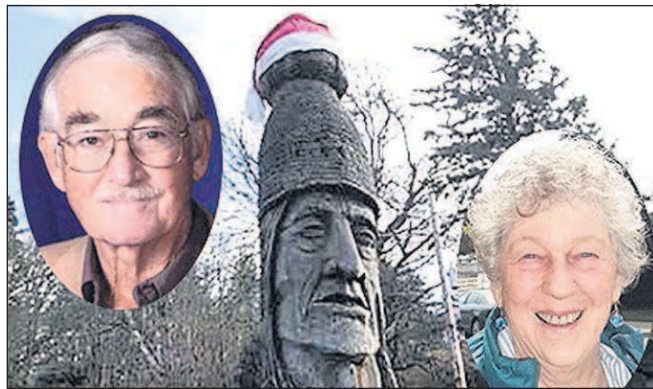


**Jethro the lobster**, a rare “half-and-half,” was caught by fisherman **Blaine Stewart** off the coast of New Brunswick, Canada, CBC News reports, and turned over to the **Huntsman Marine Science Centre** aquarium in Saint Andrews, N.B. ([bit.ly/halflob](http://bit.ly/halflob)). The crustacean is pictured, courtesy of Graham Thompson/CBC.

Jethro is “one in a few million at least,” aquarium manager **Cynthia Callahan** guesstimates. “It’s known to be a genetic abnormality,” she noted. “The mechanism isn’t exactly known, but we know after they moult they look the same, which tells us it’s genetic rather than environmental or diet.”

A big hit with the aquarium’s patrons, Jethro is happily snuggled away in a tank with other lobsters and skates, and could potentially live for decades.

## MISCHIEVOUS MITCH



A blast from the past (**Dec. 11, 2015**): “Much was said this week about **Mitch Mitchum** (pictured inset), capable and active public works director for Astoria, restorer of downtown buildings (along with **Rose Marie Paavola**), business partner, landlord, amazing volunteer, husband and father,” **Jan Mitchell**, a retired city planner (also pictured) wrote. “There is something else to tell, and now is the time.

“Years ago, Mitch and I were talking about Astoria’s formidable **chain-saw statue** (near the roundabout) representing a North Coast Native American, “Ikala Nawan,” or “Man Who Fishes.” One of us thought about giving him a **Santa hat** (meaning no disrespect, as that sculpture, while an interesting bit of Astoriana, doesn’t have any meaning to any local tribe that we could find).

Mitch said, “If you make it, I’ll see that it gets up there.” I did, and he did, after “borrowing” a fork lift.

“That one was put away wet, and had to be thrown away. He said, ‘If you’ll make another one, I’ll pay for the fabric.’ I did and he did.

“He apologized for forgetting it last year; he was really already too sick. So, if there was a mystery about where that Santa hat came from, now you know.”

**Note and update:** Unfortunately, Mitch Mitchum died Nov. 28, 2015.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### SATURDAY

**Lower Columbia R/C Society** — 8:30 a.m., Buoy 9 Restaurant & Lounge, 996 Pacific Drive, Hammond. Local Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered radio control model aircraft club meets for breakfast and business. All model aircraft enthusiasts are welcome. For information, call 503-458-5196 or 503-325-0608.

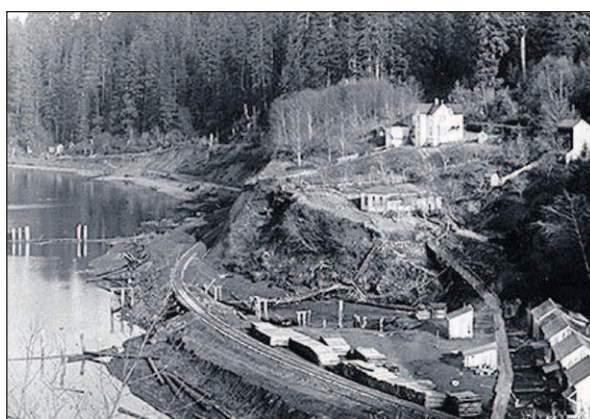
**Chinook Indian Nation Council** — 11 a.m., Chinook Nation Tribal Office, 3 E. Park St., Bay Center, Washington. Open to all tribal members; please arrive on time. Those

attending should bring a potluck item. For questions, call 360-875-6670.

**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.

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Intriguing nugget from the **Friday, Dec. 7, 1883** edition of **The Daily Morning Astorian**: A Total Wreck, The Crew Missing: Reliable report comes to The Astorian from **Hobsonville**, Tillamook county, that the **schooner Alpha**, which left here two weeks ago last Saturday, is lost with all hands. ...

Parties at Tillamook saw her with sails set, trying to enter: she got pretty well in, but when off Fuller’s Point she broached to and went into the breakers. She drifted for two miles, and ... had lost all sails and was badly stove. Nothing was seen of her, but as her boats have come ashore at Tillamook, and the beach is covered with wreck and damaged goods, the probability is that she is lost.

The Alpha was a staunch little craft and was well known here, having plied between the Columbia River and the southern coast. She was owned by Wm. Olsen, of Tillamook.

**Note:** Little historical mention of the Alpha can be found, but Hobsonville is an unincorporated area in Tillamook County across Miami Cove from Garibaldi. Now a ghost town, it was once a thriving little community, named after **John Hobson**, who helped found the local salmon cannery, the **Tillamook Packing Company**, in 1884. A stop on the coastal railroad from 1883 to 1913, the town also had a hotel and creamery.

Already dying by 1930, the town was overgrown with alder trees by 1940, but several of the buildings still stood, except the **Smith Lumber Mill** — the first operational mill in Tillamook County, built in 1883 by **Joseph Smith** — which had already washed into Tillamook Bay. The mill is pictured in happier days, courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society Research Library.

Incidentally, the **Hobsonville Indian Community** was nearby, but a separate entity. As Hobsonville was fading in the 1930s, so was the Indian Community, which by then, consisted mainly of women, both old and young. Now the buildings are all gone, and the land has fallen out of tribal ownership, but the community’s descendants are seeking formal federal tribal status as part of the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes. ([bit.ly/hville01](http://bit.ly/hville01), [bit.ly/hville02](http://bit.ly/hville02), [bit.ly/hville03](http://bit.ly/hville03))

## LOCAL BREVITIES



**Tidbits from The Daily Morning Astorian, Friday, Dec. 7, 1883:**

• Shipping masters report little difficulty in procuring crews this season. The business of supplying Columbia River with men is mostly done at Astoria this season. **Note:** That’s probably because men were being shanghaiied out of boarding houses run by the likes of **James Turk**. Shanghaiing ceased with the passage of the Seamen’s Act of 1915, which made it a federal crime. ([bit.ly/noshang](http://bit.ly/noshang))

• Of the wrecked **Victoria** at Cape Blanco (near Port Orford), a correspondent of the News reports that the vessel will be a total loss; she is partly under water, and has broken in two. The beach is strewn with wreckage of all kinds. **Note:** The steamship Victoria wrecked on an offshore reef on Nov. 28, 1883 despite the beam from the Cape Blanco lighthouse, built in 1870 to prevent such incidents.

• **Zamloch** gave another of his unequaled entertainments last evening. His cabinet trick was well done ... and though securely tied, the Professor and his assistants did what most people could do when free. Some costly gifts were distributed. The skeleton will be the leading feature to-night.

**Note:** A highly skilled magician, Anton Zamloch (pictured, aka Professor Zamloch and **Zamloch the Great**) toured the U.S., Hawaii, Mexico and Canada with his act (and eventually almost a ton of baggage) from 1869 through 1912. One popular bit was two skeletons doing a tap dance to ragtime music. ([bit.ly/azamloch](http://bit.ly/azamloch))

**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.

**Blacksmith Enthusiasts Meet** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Camp 18 Blacksmith Shop, 42362 U.S. Highway 26, Seaside. Participants can bring own forge and anvil setup. Metal available to experiment with; coal provided. No charge; donations to Camp 18 Loggers Memorial Museum welcome. For information, contact Mark Standley at 503-434-0148 or Herman Doty at 971-306-1043 or [ringanvildesign@gmail.com](mailto:ringanvildesign@gmail.com)

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support Group** — 2 to 3:30 p.m., Seaside Public

## ‘I SURE REMEMBER IT’



A little reminiscence from March 2013: Recently, Astorian **Karen Mellin** was listening to “Talk of the Nation” on National Public Radio. “All of a sudden there was **Terrie Remington**, a local artist,” Karen told the Ear. “I know her voice.”

Terrie is pictured in a photo from her website, [terrieremington.com](http://terrieremington.com). She was on the radio responding to a question posed to the public, the gist of which was, “What was a newscast that affected your life?”

“I was just holding on, it was busy, busy, busy — then all of a sudden I was on the radio,” Terrie recalled. The broadcast she remembered was the announcement of the bombing of **Pearl Harbor**. She was 5 years old, and living in New York. Terrie grabbed her mother’s spaghetti colander and a broom, hid under the table, and pretended to shoot everyone. Her mother was not amused.

“I sure remember it,” Terrie stated. “And the next day FDR was on the radio saying we’re at war.”

There was a short delay from the time she was talking to NPR and the time it was broadcast. So “after the phone call, I went into the other room and heard it,” she recalled. “I was really shocked to hear myself.”

“To hear her talk about that on the radio, and have her live right here in Astoria,” Karen noted, “that was pretty cool.”

## MAKING IT WORK



In a recent update from TheOceanCleanup.com, founder and CEO **Boyan Slat**, a young Dutch entrepreneur, gave a progress report on beta **System 001**, aka **Wilson**, which consists of a 6.5-foot skirt hanging from a 1,900-foot long U-shaped boom, created to clean up and capture plastic debris in the **Great Pacific Garbage Patch** for future pickup and recycling. Pictured, Slat and System 001, courtesy of The Ocean Cleanup.

Wilson was deployed in the Garbage Patch over a month ago after several essentially successful concept trials, but so far, the news isn’t good. Plastic is escaping, and retooling is needed.

Slat is undaunted, however. “Although we are not harvesting plastic yet,” he noted, “based on the current results, we are positive we are close to making it work.” Stay tuned.

## SAIL ON



French car company **Renault** has partnered with **Neoline**, which hopes to become the world’s first shipowner specializing in (take a deep breath): **Sailing cargo ships** ([bit.ly/rorosail](http://bit.ly/rorosail)).

Specifically, they plan to build two sail-powered Ro-Ro (Roll on/Roll off) vessels in 2020-2021 to transport Renault cars and reduce the company’s carbon footprint. An illustration of a proposed ship is shown, courtesy of the Renault Group.

“Groupe Renault’s objective is to reduce the environmental impact of each vehicle throughout its entire life cycle,” Jean-Philippe Hermine of the Renault Group said, “from parts transportation up to delivery and end-of-life processing.”

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 [k7erowood@q.com](mailto:k7erowood@q.com), or go to [nami.org](http://nami.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.

**Astoria High School Class of 1970** — 11 a.m., Koffee Klatz at Rod’s Bar and Grill, 45 N.E. Skipanon Drive, Warrenton. For in-

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