

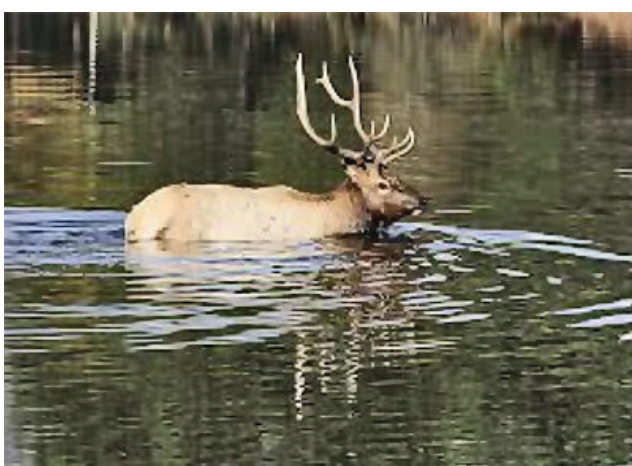
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## GONE SWIMMIN'



‘We’ve received some calls from people concerned about elk swimming in Youngs Bay,’ the Astoria Police Department posted on its Facebook page on Monday, with the photo shown.

‘Elk are naturally good swimmers, even without lessons,’ the post continued. ‘Perhaps they were chased there, or were simply trying to cool down with our great weather. In any case, they are safe and not in danger.’

‘If you have concerns about wildlife please feel free to call the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Department or the Oregon State Police Fish & Game.’

Not surprisingly, the story prompted one poster to wonder: ‘Who calls the police when elk go swimming?’ Good question.

## ‘THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME’



OK, so you missed your chance to audition for the grueling CBS show ‘Survivor’ on June 1 at the Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City. But you still want to try out for ‘the adventure of a lifetime,’ so now what?

You can apply online year-round. You need to be 18 or older, either a U.S. or Canadian citizen, and have a valid U.S. or Canadian passport.

Before you start the actual application process, you need to create, save and have handy: a video of yourself and a good selfie. Check out [bit.ly/survvidtips](http://bit.ly/survvidtips) for guidance on the video, but the all-important Rule No. 1 is: ‘Be yourself!’

Once your video and selfie are done, you’re ready to apply for the show, which you can do here: [cbssurvivor-casting.com/apply](http://cbssurvivor-casting.com/apply). And that’s it. If they’re interested, they’ll give you a call.

## ‘EVERYTHING WE WANTED’



Brenda Penner was puzzled about a story in the May 26 edition of *The New York Times* ([bit.ly/marikoweds](http://bit.ly/marikoweds)): ‘Mariko Mae Ashley and Michael Ye Han were married May 24 by Paula Brownhill, a judge at the Clatsop County Circuit Courthouse in Astoria, Ore.’ The couple lives and works in San Francisco. So, why were they married here?

‘We got married in Astoria because we wanted my 102-year-old grandmother, Flora ‘Cookie’ Chan, to attend,’ Mariko explained. ‘My grandma’s siblings are Anna Lum, David Lum, Johnny Lum and Nancy Lum — and I was lucky to grow up having them in my life.’ David and his wife, Shirley, as well as his daughters Pam and Julie Lum and Lori Lum Toyooka also attended the wedding.

‘My grandmother has lived in Astoria her entire life. She was born in Astoria, and now lives in Clatsop Retirement Village. ... Back in the day, she was a nurse for Dr. Kettlekamp, and she helped deliver nearly all of the babies of the Astoria coast ... I lived with my grandma for several summers as a child.’

‘We chose to get married at the Clatsop County Courthouse because when I was in college, my first professional job was as an intern for Josh Marquis, so ... that courthouse is special to me because it’s where my career started, and it reminds me that the work of justice has to happen everywhere.’

‘In the end,’ Mariko added, ‘we wanted my grandmother to be there for our wedding, and she was, so we had everything we wanted.’

‘We sat next to her on the bench after the ceremony and read our marriage certificate, and didn’t say a word, but there were some tears in her eyes, and she nodded.’

## WHERE WERE YOU, CARL NEBE?



In May, there was mention of Raimo Riedel inquiring about his grandmother’s great-uncle, Carl Nebe (1864-1923), who arrived at Ellis Island, New York, in 1893.

But his life from 1893 to 1897 was a mystery. Did he live in Astoria? Astorian and genealogical researcher Lauri Krämer Serafin got to work.

‘Looks like Herr Nebe made his way out West via the northern states,’ she noted. There was a notice of a general delivery letter waiting for him to pick up in the May 31, 1895 edition of the Bismark (North Dakota) Tribune.

The next clipping she found was in the Dec. 17, 1895 edition of *The Daily Morning Astorian*, in which Nebe declared his intention to become an American citizen. An announcement in the next day’s edition mentioned he filed for land under the homestead law. You can see the clippings at [bit.ly/cnebe](http://bit.ly/cnebe)

‘He did not finish the process and become a U.S. citizen in Oregon,’ Lauri noted, but ‘he had to file an intent (to be able to buy) homestead land.’

There’s no evidence Nebe lived in Astoria. The homestead lot was on what is now U.S. Highway 26, and forested, which suggests some kind of logging occupation. His neighbor, Paul Hansel, a logger, was from Astoria, though.

In 1897, Nebe probably left for Canada. While there, Lauri’s research revealed he was a miner (although not a very successful one), filing at least six claims.

‘He is listed in the 1911 Yukon Census on Middle Hunker Creek with his probable associate, James McCallister,’ Laurie noted. ‘Unattached men in the logging, mining and carpentry trades are difficult to follow.’

When he returned to the U.S. in late 1920, Nebe only had about \$450 (about \$5,700 now).

Mr. Nebe came to a sad end, alone. His body was found April 6, 1923. It was thought he fell in the river and drowned — crossing boom sticks from a lumber mill — while on his way to work as a dredge carpenter at the Port of Grays Harbor, Washington.

## CROSSING PATHS



‘I won’t soon forget this day,’ avid bicyclist Grant Keltner posted on the Long Beach Peninsula Friends of Facebook page about his ‘good deed for the day ride’ on May 31.

On Pioneer Road in Long Beach, Grant stopped to take photos of some horses standing near a fence (one of his photos is shown). As he started riding again, he noticed a black car down the road. ‘Suddenly, directly across the road from the car, I heard a woman crying and screaming for help,’ he recalled.

‘There, lying flat on her back along an embankment ... was an older woman surrounded with about 2 feet of tall grass. She had nicks and cuts on her arms and face, and she was crying for help. Her right leg was sticking out at an obscure right angle.’

‘I thought she had been hit by a car. I was scared for her. I checked to see if her leg was broken; she looked at me and said sympathetically, ‘I have a prosthetic leg, it’s OK, it needs to be adjusted.’ She assured me she was OK. Her name was Jill, and she was 62 years old.’

Grant immediately ran out into the road and flagged down a couple of cars. He and one of the drivers picked Jill up, and got her standing. ‘She told me she had been feeding the horses,’ he explained, ‘when she suddenly fell down the side of the embankment.’ Luckily, she had only been stranded there for a short while. It was lucky he heard her.

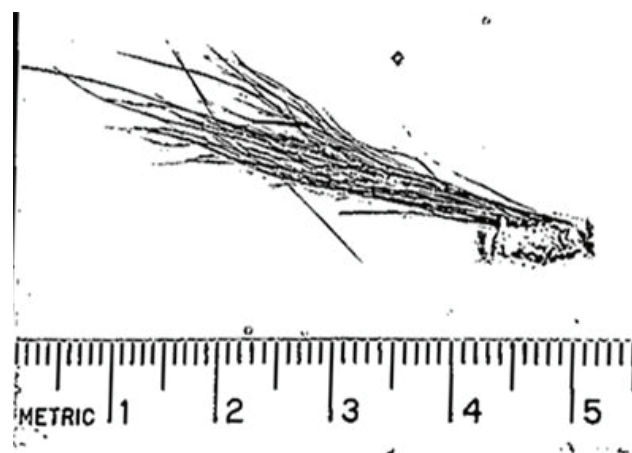
‘Within 10 minutes she was ready to drive home,’ Grant wrote. He got back on his bike, and when he stopped at a stop sign, Jill slowly drove up and rolled down the passenger window.

‘She thanked me several times,’ he remembered, ‘then said, ‘I believe our paths crossed for a reason.’ I nodded my head in agreement. I looked at her and said, ‘I agree, God works in mysterious ways. I’m glad I found you.’’

‘Thanks to all those who helped. That’s what community is all about,’ he emphasized, ‘helping others in their time of need.’

‘Take care, Jill,’ he added.

## BIGFOOT’S FBI FILE



A Bigfoot item in the news was a real eye-catcher: The FBI actually has a file on the elusive critter ([bit.ly/histbigfoot](http://bit.ly/histbigfoot)). Here’s why:

Back in 1976, Peter Byrne of the Bigfoot Information Center and Exhibition in The Dalles submitted a specimen of unknown origin to the FBI (some hairs attached to a piece of skin, pictured). He wanted to know what kind of animal it came from, and requested a scientific analysis. He also asked if they’d studied Bigfoot hair before.

Jay Cochran Jr. of the FBI replied, and said no, they had not studied any Bigfoot hair, and they usually only work on evidence from criminal cases. But, he’d make an exception for Byrne. The full 22-page analysis of Byrne’s specimen is here: [bit.ly/FBIbigfoot](http://bit.ly/FBIbigfoot)

The result? ‘The hairs are of deer family origin.’ How disappointing.

## GO WEST. PLEASE.



Remember Boat-A-Lahti — the Hilda Lahti Elementary School/Columbia River Maritime Museum mini-boat project — which kept heading east and grounding, instead of sailing west to Japan?

After its last grounding on the Baja Peninsula, the miniboat was rescued by Janet Hurd Harrington, who winters there. ‘Yesterday (the miniboat) was loaded into the back of Janet’s pickup truck,’ Nate Sandel, education director at the museum wrote in an update. ‘She’s going to drive the boat home with her to Colorado.’

Before leaving, Janet took Boat-A-Lahti to show to Baja school students; a Spanish website will be added to the project so they can join the fun.

‘Next week, Melissa Reid, whose class built the boat last year, will pick it up from Janet and bring it to Astoria for repairs,’ Nate added. ‘The plan is to have the Knappa students help with repairs, and relaunch from Baja next school year.’ Will it finally head west? Stay tuned.

## ‘PROUD FIRE CHIEF MOMENT’



‘Firefighters do more than emergency response,’ Astoria Fire Chief Dan Crutchfield, having a ‘proud fired chief moment,’ posted on the Astoria Fire Department’s Facebook page on June 4.

‘Today, Astoria firefighters responded to a medical emergency,’ he explained. ‘This is common, as our department generally responds to several emergencies every day. In this case, the firefighters responded to an elderly gentleman who fell down and broke his hip while trying to weed his planter.’

‘Once the emergency was over, our firefighters finished weeding for him. As a fire chief I couldn’t be more proud of our staff. This is a great group of talented and hard-working firefighters who do their job, treat people right, give all out effort and have an all-in attitude.’

‘Thank you Lt. Brett Bishop, Engineer Aaron Bielemeier and Firefighter Carlos Gomez,’ the chief concluded. ‘You have set a great example for the rest of us to follow.’