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Container ship service returning to Portland

Deal finalized during Gov. Brown's trade mission to Asia

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More than a year and a half after the final ship sailed following a bitter labor dispute at Oregon's only international container terminal, container ship service is poised to return to the Port of Portland in January.

It's the port's final push at demonstrating to global carriers and the region's shippers alike both that there's a market and that labor conditions have improved between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and its employer.

"Is this our last, best hope? Probably," said Port of Portland CEO Curtis Robinhold. "I'd say it's far from hopeless. We have some really good options. We just need to make it work and everyone needs to do their part, from labor to the port to the shippers."

Starting in January, Hong Kong-based Swire Shipping will start calls at the Port of Portland's Terminal 6, roughly every 35 days. The route takes goods from Portland to Australia and New Zealand, and then onto China, with a possible stop in South Korea before returning to Portland.

The deal was finalized last month during Gov. Kate Brown's trade mission to Asia. Brown and Robinhold met with Swire executives in Hong Kong.

The new container service is "going to give more options to Oregon companies as we work to maximize Terminal 6," Brown said in a statement. "Strong trading partnerships and access to global markets allow our Oregon businesses to grow, helping to sustain a thriving statewide economy."

In 2014, some 8,000

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A view of a cargo container ship at the Port of Portland is seen in this file photo taken in April 2011.

Memories behind barbed wire

Interned Japanese family lost home, business, community

By KATHY ANEY East Oregonian

George Nakata has idyllic memories of his childhood in Portland's close-knit Japantown.

The happy recollections screech to a halt, though, at age nine when, like some dark, dissonant, horror movie, life took a hideous turn. That's when President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in response to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, signed Executive Order 9066.

"This particular executive order was life-shattering for 120,000 Japanese," Nakata told a packed room Saturday at the Tamastslikt Cultural Institution. "I happened to be one of them." The order sanctioned the relocation of Japanese Americans living on the West Coast to remote internment camps scattered in 10 locations around the country. 'American concentration camps," Nakata calls them. He described how his parents had two weeks in May 1942 to sell three businesses, home, cars and family heirlooms and to close their bank accounts. "My mother wept as she sold her silk kimono she had brought with her from (Japan)," Nakata said. "My father sold his pickup for \$35. My sister cried getting rid of all her Japanese Festival dolls." The journey into oblivion happened in two stages. First, his family and 3,600 other Japanese Americans from Portland boarded yellow school buses and were taken to the North Portland Livestock yards. Nakata still remembers the black flies, the pungent odor of manure and the pigeons and



HERMISTON Toddler shot in head in critical condition

East Oregonian

A Hermiston toddler is in critical condition after being accidentally shot in the head by a seven-year-old sibling, according to the Hermiston Police Department.

Longterm prognosis for the boy, age 2, "cannot yet be determined," the news release stated, and his name and other details are not being released in order to protect the identities of the minors involved. The police department was contacted by Good Shepherd Medical Center shortly before 5 p.m. on Friday about a child with a gunshot wound to the head. After officers responded to the hospital and learned the location of the shooting, HPD officers and deputies from the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office secured the scene. Pendleton Police Department also assisted by providing a child forensic interviewer. According to the department, based on physical evidence and statements of family members it appears the toddler was accidentally shot by a sibling, age 7 with a .25 caliber Beretta handgun. The victim has since been transferred to an out-of-area hospital. Child Protective Services is involved and the case will be reviewed by the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office to determine if any charges will be filed. "It goes without saying that this is an incredibly horrible incident for the involved family, and the officers who responded, the medical professionals who treated the child, and the community as a whole," the department stated. "If you own firearms, we urge you to store them in a safe manner to prevent unauthorized access." Centers for Disease Control estimated 77 children died from accidental gun discharges in 2015, but the Associated Press counted 141 cases that year reported in the media.

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George Nakata, right, who lived in a Japanese internment camp as a young boy, talks with audience members after speaking about the experience Saturday at the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute.

> "All we could see was a sea of sagebrush and hundreds and hundreds of Army barracks."

- George Nakata, on arriving at the Minidoka internment camp in Idaho

PENDLETON Police officers shelve razors to fight cancer

Will wait tables at Hamley on Dec. 1

By PHIL WRIGHT East Oregonian

Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts usually runs a clean-cut crew, but this month the officers are looking a little scruffy.

The department is again participating in No Shave November to raise awareness and money for the fight against cancer.

"Pretty much everyone is sporting some kind of hair if they can grow it," Roberts said. Police Sgt. Paul Wolverton is helping coordinate the effort. He said last year the department joined the nationwide No Shave November campaign.

"Everybody had a good time and it was a great cause to serve, but this year we wanted to do something more local," he said.

Donations from this year's effort are going to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Anson Fairbank family of Pendleton. Matt and Adrienne Fairbank

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Officer Mark Golter is among the Pendleton police officers who are growing their beards during "No Shave November" in support of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society and two-year-old Anson Fairbank who is undergoing treatment for leukemia. Gun locks are available for free from Hermiston Police Department. For more information about the gun locks call 541-567-5519.

