

WHAT'S IN A NAME?



Astorian Shane Bugbee rolled the *Goonies* and Phorca (i.e. Aphony orca) events into one pithy “never say die” decal (<http://tinyurl.com/goonlion>), that so captivated KGW TV, it was included in a news clip about Phorca’s fiasco debut (<http://tinyurl.com/goonlion1>). A screenshot from the KGW clip is shown.

“Funny, the news guy was the first to see the sticker!” Shane posted on his Facebook page. “Yes, I live in a place that is celebrating the *Goonies* and scaring away sea lions with fake orcas ... a surreal dream?”

The unfortunate attempt to scare the sea lions off the East Mooring Basin docks June 4 nearly resulted in a sinking instead, when Phorca got waterlogged. And by the way, just so you know, the orca’s real name is Island. A real misnomer, apparently.

WATCH THIS



The new Apple watch, pictured, made huge news when it finally hit the store shelves, and it’s also a big hit with former Astorian Chef Daymon Garrett Edwards (pictured, inset) in Seoul, Korea. Why, you might ask? The Korean ads show the watch face in Korean and English, and the two words on it are “Tartine Bakery” — which just happens to be the name of the chef’s bakery in Seoul.

So how did Apple decide on the name? “I am guessing they originally used Tartine, San Francisco,” Daymon speculated. “... and continued with it in other countries. Since we are the only Tartine in Korea, it is really good for us, since it will be on all their promotional material.”

“Or,” he added, “we have an angel inside Apple. Difficult to tell.”

CHANCE TO DANCE



“I was hoping that you could please share this amazing story of one of our local ballet dancers trying to get himself to dance camp this summer,” Nate Sandel wrote. “Joe Justice (pictured) has an amazing story, and has come so far since we met him.”

“My dance career started at 13 years old, when I was making some bad choices in school,” Joe explained. “One day my principal called me into his office and asked me what I liked to do for fun. I told him I liked to dance.” The principal introduced him to Nate’s wife, Margaret Wall, founder the Astoria School of Ballet (<http://astoriaschoolofballet.com>). She gave Joe a scholarship in the hope that dancing would inspire him to raise his grades and improve his behavior at school.

“I was horrible at first, but then I was given some extra classes and attention by Miss Maggie and was on my way,” Joe said. “... During our first performance I truly discovered how fun it is to dance! ... Currently, I am the only older male dancing at Astoria School of Ballet, and would enjoy meeting and dancing with others guys who share the same passion and dedication for dance as I have.”

Now, Joe has a chance to make that wish come true. He has been accepted into Whitman College’s Summer Dance Lab for five weeks — but he needs \$2,080 to attend. Nate has set up an online account to raise the money, and you can donate at <http://tinyurl.com/joego>

“So please if you can,” Joe wrote, “I know I’m asking for a lot of help, but if you can give me some support it will change my life, and in a great way!”

“Truly, he is great kid,” Nate said, “and I want to make this happen for him!” Can you help?

In One Ear



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TILT



Brad Dunkin sent in a tip that Goonie enthusiast Mike Johnson of Orlando, Fla., has created the first and only one-of-a-kind custom *Goonies* pinball machine, by “re-theming” a Hollywood Heat pinball game. Mike and the machine — which took 11 months to complete — are pictured in a still shot from a *Cinereelists.com* interview (<http://tinyurl.com/goonball>).

Mike figures his passion for pinball started about four years ago, but he’s also besotted with “The Goonies,” and reports he’s seen the movie about 50 times. So, he figured, why not combine the two obsessions for the *Goonies* 30th anniversary year?

“People really love ‘The Goonies,’” Mike said, “and it’s kind of become one of those timeless movies that people just love and want to connect with still, to this day, so I always thought a *Goonies* machine would be super cool ... I was really surprised to find out there wasn’t a *Goonies* machine to begin with.”

“From day one, I just wanted people to play it and enjoy it,” he added, “and see something that they won’t be able to play anywhere else.” Mission accomplished.

SAD NEWS IN THE GOONDOCKS



Bad news for *Goonies* fans: Actress Mary Ellen Trainor, who played Mikey’s mom, Mrs. Walsh, died at home in Montecito, Calif., at the age of 62, on May 20, but the news was just recently announced (<http://tinyurl.com/goonmom>). She is pictured in a screenshot from the movie with Josh Brolin and Ke Huy Quan, courtesy of Warner Brothers.

One of her Goonie “mom” lines, to the new maid, Rosalita, is a classic: “This is my supply closet. You’ll find everything you need, brooms, dustpans, insect spray. I would really like the house clean when they tear it down.”

Want to hear her reminiscing about her time with the *Goonies* (which she said was “nothing short of a blast”)? Check out her 2013 interview with Red Carpet News TV at <http://tinyurl.com/goonmom2>

In addition to “The Goonies,” she appeared in all four “Lethal Weapon” movies as a police psychiatrist, and in many other films, as well. She also studied broadcast journalism at San Diego State University, and was once married to director Robert Zemeckis.

Good night, Mrs. Walsh, wherever you are.

TOBY'S WALK

Well, it’s that time of year again, when Astoria becomes the starting point for many a trek with a cause. The first out of the gate was Toby Flaget (<http://TobysWalk.com>), a retired police officer and Marine veteran, who left Astoria June 1 to walk across the country to raise money for, and awareness of, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. He hopes to arrive in Atlantic City, N.J., Sept. 5.

Toby is pictured in a photo courtesy of KOIN 6 News, who interviewed him on his way through Portland June 4 (<http://tinyurl.com/tobyswalks>). “I’ve lost seven buddies to suicide in the past two months,” he told KOIN. “I don’t have all the answers. That’s why I’m raising awareness.”



GO EAST, YOUNG MAN

Most Astorians weren’t even aware this happened and were still snug in their beds, but for the stalwart few, the Trans Am Bike Race started off from the Columbia River Maritime Museum at 5 a.m. Saturday morning.

It’s a nonstop, self-supported (i.e. no accompanying car or crew) road race that runs across the country along the 4,233-mile Trans America Trail, which starts in Astoria and ends in Yorktown, Va. Saturday’s starters are pictured in a photo from the bike race’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/TransAmBikeRace

These guys are really moving (they’re serious about the nonstop angle). Want to track them? Go to <http://trackleaders.com/transam15>. As of Thursday morning, the leader of the pack was an Australian who was over 1,300 miles out already, somewhere in Western Wyoming. The Ear needs a nap just thinking about it.



DO SOMETHING GRAND



Photographer and adventure athlete Rich Brand of Denver, pictured, has quite a challenge in store for himself this summer: He plans to kayak solo from the North Coast to San Diego, with zero support crew.

Before he left, there were two stopovers in Astoria (where there are “so many good people”) — one for a visit, another for some kayak repairs — as a guest of Roy and Bonnie Little, whom he met when he first pulled up to the West Mooring Basin dock.

Rich kayaked the Source to Sea on the Mississippi River last summer, even though he had little experience when he started the trip. No longer a novice after that jaunt, he still realizes kayaking on the ocean is a whole different matter.

That said, he figures he might not make it to San Diego, but will go as far as he can. “It’s about doing it safely, and living through it,” he said, “and photographing as I can, meeting people.” You can see his photos at @nevermissamoment on Instagram, and his website is www.capturedheartbeats.com

Aside from having some grand adventures, why is he always on the go with his kayak and camera? “I have never met a stranger, just friends who have not yet been introduced,” the aspiring motivational speaker wrote. “This is a growing lesson for myself and all the people I meet.”

But more importantly, “I do this to not only get into the great outdoors,” he noted, “but to inspire a younger generation to get out and do something grand, regardless of the scope or scale.”

JUST FOR FUN



“With this being the 30th anniversary of ‘The Goonies,’ my friend, Dan Martland and I traveled to Astoria, Oregon, to visit the filming locations used in the town — just for fun.” Nick Dixon, pictured inset, wrote. He is a correspondent with a UK network TV show called “Good Morning Britain.”

“We are both huge fans of the film,” he explained, “and were both so blown away by the passion of fans there and the legacy that the film has left in Astoria (for better and for worse...), that we decided to make an impromptu short film an hour after we arrived in the town! Our mini-documentary explores the enduring appeal of the movie, and how residents of Astoria feel about their town being invaded.”

Edited and written in their Astoria hotel room, finishing just before catching the flight back to London, “Hey You Guys!” features interviews with Sandi Preston, Mac Burns, Mick Alderman, and other locals, film locations, and 30th anniversary revelry, including the unknown truffle shuffler who is pictured. You can watch the video at <http://tinyurl.com/goondoc>

“Our families think we’re absolutely bonkers to have done this,” Nick added, “but we are very big fans, and felt it might be a nice tribute to both *Goonies* fans and Astoria residents!” And so it is.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

Lower Columbia R/C Society — 8:30 a.m., back room at Uptown Cafe, 1639 S.E. Ensign Lane, Warrenton. 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.

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.

SUNDAY

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

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 Michelle Lewis at 503-861-4200.

Columbia Senior Dinners — 11:30 a.m., Peace Lutheran Church (lower level), 565 12th St. Cost is \$5. 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.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to www.AstoriaRotary.org

Knockers Pinochle Group — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

Astoria Alzheimer’s & Other Dementia Family Support Group — 2 to 3:30 p.m., first-floor conference room, Clatsop Care Center, 646 16th St. Open to all family members of people with dementias. For information, call Rosetta Hurley at 503-325-0313, ext. 222,

or email support@clatsopcare.org

Astoria Toastmasters — 6:30 p.m., Hotel Elliot conference room, 357 12th St. Visitors welcome. For information, go to www.toastmasters.org or call 503-894-0187.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

TUESDAY

Do Nothing Club — 10 a.m. to noon, 24002 U St., Ocean Park, Wash. Men’s group. For information, call Jack McBride at 360-665-2721.

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Astoria Kiwanis Club — noon, El Tapatio, 229 W. Marine Drive. For information, call Robert McClelland at 503-894-0187 or Susan Brooks at 503-741-0186 or 503-338-4994.

Astoria Lions Club — noon, Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Prospective members welcome. For information, contact Charlene Larsen at 503-325-0590.

Warrenton Kiwanis Club — noon, Doogers Seafood and Grill, 103 U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. For information, call Darlene Warren at 503-861-2672.

Warrenton Caregiver Support Group — 1:30 to 3 p.m., 2002 S.E. Chokeberry Ave., Warrenton. Support, information and resources for caregivers. For information, call Grace Bruseeth at 503-738-6412.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, temporarily located at 1555 W. Marine Drive in the old Astoria Yacht Club. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Spinning Circle — 3 to 5 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>

Lower Columbia Hospice Bereavement Support Group — 4:30 to 6 p.m., Columbia Memorial Hospital Community Center, Chinook Conference Room, 2021 Marine Drive. Open to age 18 or older. For information, call 503-338-6230.

North Coast Chapter, ABATE of Oregon — 5:30 p.m., Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th Street. All are welcome. For information, call 503-791-7253.

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