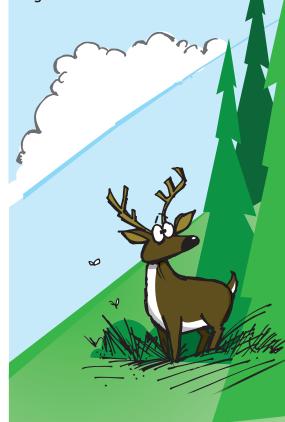
We saw fake orcas and beach balls to combat pesky sea lions, humpback whales in the Columbia River, and a sheathed Astoria Column.

There was a dust-up over Hood to Coast in Seaside, a party barn in Gearhart, and that bawdy new sign down at Annie's.



And on the North Coast, where we are both pretty and gritty, our homecoming queens sometimes kick field goals.

