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A GLIMPSE INSIDE



Photo by Matt Love

Video Horizons is starting to retire its OKI Microline 320 Turbo dot matrix printer, which prints receipts for customers.

my beloved dot matrix printer. In the last year, I've sold close to 40 copies out of Video Horizons, which has to be some kind of unofficial literary record for Oregon.

It was to my everlasting horror last month when I walked into the store that Neal casually announced the dot matrix printers were finally going to be retired. I couldn't believe it! Was this another terrible story of Astoria's ongoing gentrification? I told Neal I wouldn't stand for it! I had to hear that soothing matrix sound in a digital world gone mad.

Neal sympathized with me. He said several other customers felt the same way. And then we worked out a deal because that's the kind of store Video Horizons is — you can't talk to a Redbox, and Netflix streams mostly endless crap.

Neal told me he'd rig it up so that when I rented a tape or DVD, I would continue to receive my receipt courtesy of the trusty OKI Microline 320 Turbo printer. He wouldn't scrap the machine.

Now that's real customer service in Astoria and one small victory against gentrification.

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Video Horizons

On my first night living in Astoria — Nov. 13, 2013 to be exact — I rented a DVD from Video Horizons. I was enormously pleased that my new hometown had a real, old-fashioned video rental store of the variety almost disappeared

from the American cultural landscape.

As I later wrote, "I filled out the rental agreement and the clerk processed it through an ancient DOS application with its blinking green text and cursor. I handed her two dollars, she pushed a few buttons, perhaps pulled a lever, and one of the dot matrix printers chugged to life. The machine was printing my receipt and I could not believe my eyes or ears. I love the sound of dot matrix printers in the evening; they sound like victory."

As luck would have it, I became friends with Neal Cummings, owner of Video Horizons, and I continued renting DVDs and VHS tapes from this charming establishment. When my book about Astoria came out in 2015 and was summarily banned in multiple retail outlets around town (by people who didn't even read it), Neal gladly carried the title and displayed it prominently at the front counter close to

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