

SPREAD THE WORD



Matt Gustafson aka ‘Gus’ was severely injured on July 4 while falling some trees,” his sister-in-law, **Lexi Puhl** wrote. “He was life flighted to Legacy Emanuel (in Portland) and has several vertebrae fractures in his neck and back, and many other broken bones, and a long road of recovery ahead of him.” Matt is pictured with his 2-year-old son, **Grayton**.

“The family would like to just really thank all of the first responders and life-flight staff who kept his spine safe!” she added, “The doctors here at Legacy have said it’s a miracle that he’s alive, and not paralyzed. And the staff at Legacy is just being amazing.”

If you would like to help the family, his sister, **Lisa Sisley**, has set up the Matt Gustafson Donation Account, and contributions can be made at any Columbia Bank branch. Plans are also in the works for a fundraiser dinner Aug. 27 at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. For updates, check the Matt Gustafson Fundraising Facebook page at <http://tinyurl.com/help-Matt-FB>

In addition, Lexi has set up a Gofundme page at <http://tinyurl.com/helpMattG>. “Everyone that knows Matt knows that he is a great guy who is always ready to help anyone,” she explained. “He has a wife and a baby boy who love him very much.

“Any help and donations given would be very much appreciated, and everything minus the GoFundMe fee will be given directly to his wife, **Tori**, to cover medical expenses and help them survive this horrible accident. Help spread the word!”

TRASHY FOOTWEAR

Adidas has partnered with the Parley Ocean Plastic Program to create the **Adidas x Parley limited edition running shoe**, whose upper section is made of **recycled ocean waste**



and illegal deep-sea fishing nets, according to Engadget.com (<http://tinyurl.com/netshoez>). The unique kicks are shown, courtesy of Engadget.

Don’t try to rush out to try and grab some, though. Only 50 pairs are being made, and to snag one, you have to enter a **contest**, which means uploading a video to Instagram and explaining your plan of how to support Parley’s Ocean Plastic Program (www.oceanplastic.com). Details are at <http://tinyurl.com/parleypair>, and the deadline to enter is July 31.

Even if you don’t manage to win a pair, there’s still hope. There are plans to turn ocean plastic debris into yarn fiber for “other future products.” Including shoes, perhaps?

BUCKLE UP



For maritime history buffs, the **world’s fastest ship** is the **Francisco** (aka Lopez Mena), built by Australian shipyard Incat, which can travel at speeds up to 58 knots (66 mph). Incidentally, the 324-foot long catamaran is also said to be the first high speed dual-fuel passenger ferry, and the first ferry of its type to use LNG as its primary fuel, gCaptain.com says (<http://tinyurl.com/cisocofast>).

Sure, some speed boats can go faster, but the Francisco holds 1,000 passengers and 150 cars, and has an enormous duty-free shop on board, to boot. Part of the speed can be explained by the fact that the catamaran is made of lightweight, marine grade aluminum, and is powered by two large gas turbines driving powerful waterjets. The ship is pictured courtesy of Kim Clifford/Incat Tasmania.

If you’re interested in taking a ride, you’ll have to head to Argentina. The Francisco’s area of service is on the River Plate, between Buenos Aires and Montevideo, Uruguay. Buen viaje!

In One Ear



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FOR OLD TIMES’ SAKE



From **The Daily Morning Astorian, July 4, 1890** (<http://tinyurl.com/DAfourth>):

- **A.E. Shaw**, a first class bilk and would-be sport, is now a resident of Pomeroy, Wash., where he is trying to make people believe that he is a dentist.

- Inasmuch as the **Western Union Telegraph Company** receives over \$1,700 a month revenue from the Astoria office, it does seem as though the company could afford one solitary gas jet, and not compel men to work all night by the dim light of one ill-smelling coal oil lamp.

- **Gerry’s “Gem Theatre”** was closed last evening, having been neither a social or financial success.

- A difficulty between neighbors at Uppertown on the 25th of June, culminated last night in **John Larson** making complaint against **Mary Saverson** for disorderly conduct and loud and boisterous language towards his wife, Carrie Larson. A warrant was issued by **Justice May** for the arrest of Mrs. Saverson.

- Mrs. Delia Cross, of Brooklyn, is now **Mrs. Capt. Cross**, of the steamer Oregon, though she was compelled to affix a cross to the papers in place of her name. This is said to be the first case in which a woman has become owner and master of a seagoing vessel.

‘NOT FOR THE FAINT AT HEART’



The Norwegian-led Kon Tiki raft expedition may have crossed the Pacific in 1947, but now, almost 70 years later, another Norwegian sailing vessel, the oak **Viking ship Draken Harald Hårfagre** completed a historic journey across the Atlantic, arriving in Newfoundland in June, CBCNews of Ottawa, Canada, reports (<http://tinyurl.com/drakensail>).

Believed to be the world’s largest Viking ship sailing in modern times, the Draken was constructed using ancient Norse ship-building techniques. It left Haugesund, Norway, on April 24, carrying a captain and a volunteer crew of 32. Since there is no below-deck on a Viking ship, the crew did four-hour shifts of 16 men per shift, and slept in a tent under the sail. Chores included rigging, food preparation, cleaning, and manning the 25 pairs of oars.

The Draken Harald Hårfagre is pictured, courtesy of its website, www.drakensexpeditionamerica.com, which explains draken means dragon in English, and Harald Hårfagre (Fair-hair) is the king who unified Norway. Construction began in 2010 and more than 10,000 nails were used. The vessel is 115 feet long and 26 feet wide; the Douglas fir mast is 79 feet tall, and the sail is almost 2,800 square feet of pure red silk. Naturally, it has a carved dragon figurehead.

“It smells of timber and old tar rope,” **Richard Winnel**, the commercial pilot who helped the ship navigate the Iroquois lock in Canada, told CBCNews. “Not for the faint of heart,” he said of the voyage. “Exceptionally heavy weather. Very wet, cold, temperatures of -2, the decks awash — courageous people.”

Capt. Björn Ahlander noted that the expedition’s purpose is not just to relive and duplicate Leif Erikson’s voyage to Vinland/Newfoundland in 1000, but to find out if it was possible for the Viking leader to have sailed inland, as well, to explore and settle. Clearly, it was, indeed possible: Ahlander made the statement in an interview after sailing the Draken quite a distance up the St. Lawrence River to eastern Ontario.

BOOMY McBOOMFACE



This column has more than once mentioned 21-year old Dutch inventor and entrepreneur **Boyan Slat** (pictured inset), who, starting as a teenager made it his mission to clean up the plastic debris in the **Great Pacific Garbage Patch** (www.theoceancleanup.com). The latest design for a device to use the ocean currents to do just that is finally undergoing a sensor-monitored test, according to The Guardian (<http://tinyurl.com/boyanboom>).

In June, a 328-foot long clean-up boom/barrier made of vulcanized rubber, affectionately named **Boomy McBoomface**, was towed 12 miles out to sea off the coast of The Netherlands. Anchored via a cable sub-system at depths of up 14,000 feet, the boom harnesses ocean currents to trap floating trash so boats can collect it. Boomy is pictured, courtesy of The Ocean Cleanup.

The money to fund this project was largely raised by Slat himself, but a portion of the funding came directly from the Dutch government to demonstrate their faith in him and in his invention. And, if this current experiment is successful, a sea-trial will take place off the Japanese coast in 2017.

“The key objective of these tests is to see if we can build something that can survive at sea for years if not decades,” Slat told The Guardian. “We want to test the efficiency of the system, understand its behavior, and see what damage it suffers over time from abrasion or fatigue.”

When the testing is completed, the end goal is the deployment of a 62-mile version of the boom in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch in 2020. Just in time, it would seem. The Ellen MacArthur Foundation predicts that unless drastic action is taken, there will be more plastic than fish in the oceans by 2050.

WHO KNOWS?



Corey Feldman has weighed in on will-there-won’t-there be a **Goonies 2** in an interview with Movieweb.com (<http://tinyurl.com/nogoonie>), and has come up with a pretty good reason why it probably won’t happen — aside from the fact there’s not even a script yet.

“**Richard Donner** is 87 years old,” Feldman noted. “And it’s like, no one really wants to make it without him. He’s the driving force behind it. He says it’s still alive. But as we all know ... When you get to that age, things slow down quite a bit. There is a big possibility that he might not want to keep driving it.

“So, I think without him, it doesn’t happen. And every day that passes, that he doesn’t do it, there is less and less chance that it is ever going to happen at all.” An illustration of the grown-up Goonies cast is shown, courtesy of Movieweb.com

So what does Feldman think about good friend **Sean Astin**’s recent quip at the Phoenix ComicCon, implying One-Eyed Willie’s presence in Goonies 2? “... I have no idea what he is talking about,” Feldman commented. “... I think it’s just one of those good old-fashioned Hollywood rumor mills working again.”

But you have to wonder: Does Astin know something Feldman doesn’t? Stay tuned.

FOWL PLAY



The **renegade hen** strikes again. On the loose in downtown Astoria since early April — primarily in the Ninth/10th and Duane/Exchange streets block — she has been spotted several times, but is a very slippery character, and has eluded all attempts at capture.

She’s so comfortable in her new domain, she’s even left a few tokens of her esteem: two eggs, shown in a photo taken Monday by **Sharon Collyer**. “They were sitting under the U.S. Bank sign, on the parking lot side,” Sharon wrote, “and I moved them over and placed them on the mulch near the sign. A friend said she saw them a day ago. The chicken was nowhere in sight.”

The runaway bird actually belongs to **Chase Pettit**’s mother in Rosburg, Washington. If you’re able to catch her, please give the family a call at 360-465-2734.

In the meantime, have some scrambled eggs.

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.

Angora Hiking Club — 9 a.m., Sixth Street parking lot. Gnat Creek Hatchery hike. For information, call Arline LaMear at 503-338-6883.

Sit and Stitch Group — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Custom Threads, 1282 Commercial St. Knitting, crocheting and needle work. For information, call 503-325-7780.

Pug Socializing Club — 1 p.m., Carruthers Park, Warrenton.

For pugs and their owners. For information, call Dave Kinney at 415-827-5190. Join online at <http://tinyurl.com/socialpugs>

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.

Spinning Circle — 1 to 3 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>

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 k7erewood@q.com, or go to www.nami.org

Authentic Spiritual Conversations — 3 to 4:15 p.m., Seaside Public Library conference room, 1131 Broadway. Exploring spiritual questions, doubts, practices and longings in a space where everyone’s needs are respectfully held. All faiths, including “spiritual but not religious,” agnostic and atheist are welcome. For information, email info@cgifellowship.org or call 916-307-9790.

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
Chair Exercises for Seniors

— 9 to 9:45 a.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Scandinavian Workshop — 10 a.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. Needlework, hardanger, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and quilting. All are welcome. For information, call 503-325-1364 or 503-325-7960.

Mothers of Preschoolers — 10 to 11:30 a.m., Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. MOPS group is a time for moms to relax and enjoy each others’ company. For information, call 503-502-3118.

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 Diners — 11:30 a.m., 1111 Exchange St. Cost is \$6. 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

Parkinson’s Support Group

— 1 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church library, 565 12th St. For information, call 503-440-1970 or 503-440-1985.

Peninsula Quilt Guild — 1 p.m., Peninsula Church Center, 5000 N Place, Seaview, Wash. Newcomers welcome. Bring non-perishable food donation. For information, call Janet King at 360-665-3005.

Knochlers 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.

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