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Did D.B. Cooper stay in Astoria?



AP Photo
An artist made these sketches of the skyjacker known as Dan Cooper from the recollections of the passengers and crew of an Northwest Airlines jet he hijacked between Portland and Seattle on Thanksgiving eve in 1971. "Cooper" later parachuted from the plane with \$200,000 of ransom money.

Locals recall a man some suspect of 1971 skyjacking

By ERICK BENGEL
The Daily Astorian

A bizarre episode in Astoria lore has become part of the infamous D.B. Cooper mystery, in which an unidentified passenger in the early 1970s hijacked a Pacific Northwest flight, stole \$200,000 and parachuted into the Oregon-Washington wilderness.

The History channel on Sunday and Monday premiered a two-part documentary, "D.B. Cooper: Case Closed?," featuring Astoria's own Peter Roscoe, Marian Soderberg, former Mayor Willis Van Dusen and others who gave a fresh take on the only unsolved skyjacking in U.S. history.

They recounted the story of a visitor named "Norman de Winter."

A few months before the D.B. Cooper incident occurred on Nov. 24, 1971, de Winter arrived in town. Claiming he was a wealthy Swiss baron, he befriended the locals, ate their food, stayed in their homes and, in various ways, took their money.

He offered to charter a large group on a passenger jet to his lodge in Switzerland for Christmas, free of charge.

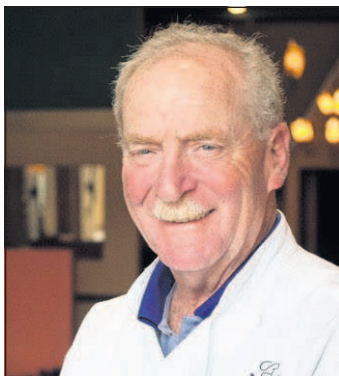
"And then suddenly, one night, he was gone," Roscoe told The Daily Astorian.

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AP Photo/Nick Ut

Some "D.B. Cooper cash" is displayed at Collectors Universe in Santa Ana, Calif., in 2008. Brian Ingram, from Arkansas, found the sole link to the only unsolved airline hijacking in U.S. history buried along the Columbia River during a family vacation in 1980. Ingram brought the recovered money to Collectors Universe to be authenticated, certified and preserved.



The Daily Astorian/File Photo
Chef Peter Roscoe stands in the dining room of Fulio's Pastaria, Tuscan Steak House and Delicatessen. Roscoe has long maintained that Norman de Winter, who visited Astoria in November 1971 just before the infamous highjacking, is D.B. Cooper.



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A hijacked Northwest Airlines jetliner 727 sits on a runway for refueling at Tacoma International Airport, Nov. 25, 1971, Seattle, Wash.

A pearl or problem pebble?

Homeowners fear new hotel will crowd them out

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — A proposed hotel is taking some Seaside residents by surprise and could box in two neighboring property owners. The Planning Commission could grant variances at a July 19 meeting to owner Antoine Simmons for his proposed 48-room Pearl of Seaside hotel at Avenue A and Beach Drive. Variances requested at a meeting last week sought additional height, side-yard reductions and changes in setbacks.

Simmons is CEO of Haystack Lodgings, a property management company that owns and operates four boutique inns in Cannon Beach and Seaside. He is described by his publicist, Kasey Kalchert, as "one of the leading experts in online hotel marketing."

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Oregon urges no go for timber lawsuit

County suit alleges state's management has cost counties \$1.4 billion

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Bureau

ALBANY — The state is urging the dismissal of a lawsuit that alleges state forest management prioritizes environmental concerns to the detriment of logging.

Earlier this year, Linn County filed a complaint against Oregon for allegedly depriving multiple counties of more than \$1.4 billion due to a forestry rule that emphasizes wildlife, water quality and recreation over timber harvest.

During oral arguments Monday in Albany, attorneys for the state said the case should be thrown out because the forests are meant to be managed for the greatest permanent value to the state, not to the counties.

This "greatest permanent value" is allowed to include many factors beyond timber production under laws that allowed counties to donate burned and logged forests to the state government, said Sarah Weston, an attorney for the state.

"The statute does not require revenue maximization," she said. "The statutes have always provided for multiple values and multiple uses."

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Douglas fir is sorted from a timber harvest on Clatsop State Forest land near Jewell in 2014.

Celebrate, remember and fight back

Annual Relay for Life event held in Seaside

By KATHERINE LACAZE
For The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Bright paper flowers in varying shades of purple, softly illuminated memorial bags and attendees of all ages take lap after lap around a track for multiple hours of continuous movement. Each symbol present Saturday at Seaside High School contributed to the underlying message of the annual Relay For Life of Clatsop County: celebrate, remember and fight back.

Although the traditional 24-hour event, which started at 10 a.m. Saturday, was shortened because of bad weather, about 15 teams from around the county withstood high winds and rain to raise awareness and funds for the fight to end cancer. Relay For Life, an annual American Cancer Society event, brings "awareness in the community, and camaraderie," said Linda Yeager, of Astoria. Her husband, Tim, being diagnosed with chronic myeloid leukemia is what got the family involved with Relay about 15 years ago.

"Seventeen years ago, they gave me 10 years to live," Tim Yeager said.

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Katherine Lacaze/For The Daily Astorian
Young participants take to the track at Seaside High School to walk laps during the Clatsop County Relay For Life, which started Saturday.



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