

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN



**First ran Feb. 24, 2012:** The Ear can't resist a history nugget. Did you ever stop to think what kind of games the Lewis and Clark Expedition might have played in their spare time? One game they enjoyed was Quoits, which is similar to playing horseshoes, but the quoits are rings, and a lot harder to toss accurately onto a spike in the ground. The game of Prisoner's Base (pictured) was also a popular one in the corps, although the Ear suspects it may have been too soggy to play it while they were in this area. Foot races were also popular.

The Ear came across this trivia tidbit in "Frances Hunter's American Heroes Blog" (<http://franceshunter.wordpress.com>), a real treat for history fans. Enjoy!

## ART GROWS ON TREES



**First ran Feb. 22, 2013:** On Feb. 1, there was a story in this column about Jan Mitchell coming across a carved tree-face when she was hiking with her dogs out near Cullaby Lake. She wondered who had left such "a delightful bit of whimsy ... as a gift for the unsuspecting walker." Art Turigliatto to the rescue — he called and said it is Astorian Rick Irish.

Rick told the Ear that he carved the tree by Cullaby Lake about three years ago. He did one by the fairgrounds, and there are two more by Klootch Creek, south of Seaside, as well. He carves — dead trees or stumps only — with a chain saw with a carving bar.

"I've been carving since the mid 1980s, mostly small folk art carving, with knives and carving tools," Rick explained. "I like to do small stuff in the winter, then do the bigger stuff when the weather is good."

So why carve trees? "Always enjoyed carving," he replied, "just trying a bigger size to see what I can do ... It's kind of neat to have someone round a corner and have a wood spirit looking at them."

## PLANE PLAN



**First ran June 20, 2014:** A retired engineer, Bruce Campbell, lives in a Boeing 727-200 in Hillsboro six months a year (<http://tinyurl.com/bruce727>). The aircraft, which sits on a 10-acre lot, is shown in a screen shot from a video by Even Quatch (<http://tinyurl.com/bruce727a>).

Campbell's website, [www.AirplaneHome.com](http://www.AirplaneHome.com) explains it all. The project has cost close to \$220,000 so far, not including the land, and work is ongoing. He's also working on establishing a Boeing 747-400 home near Miyazaki City, Japan.

The 727 cabin and cockpit combined make up 1,066 square feet of living space. He's got one toilet working, a makeshift shower, kitchen and sleeping areas, and he enjoys relaxing in the cockpit. Plus, he plans to use the wings for concert performances.

Airliners make great living spaces, he says on his website. "... Retired airliners are profoundly well designed, high tech, aerospace quality sealed pressure canisters that can withstand 575 mph winds and seven G acceleration forces with ease ... They're among the finest structures that mankind has ever built."

Plus, they could last for centuries, and are secure and fire resistant, to boot. Food for thought, living in a subduction zone. Not to mention, this is taking recycling to a whole new level.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

## SATURDAY

**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.

**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 informa-

tion, contact Myra Kero at 503-738-6165, or [k7erowood@q.com](mailto:k7erowood@q.com), or go to [www.nami.org](http://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

**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](http://www.AstoriaRotary.org)

**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.

**Mahjong for Experienced Players** — 1 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**Diabetes Class** — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Providence Seaside Hospital, Education Room A, 725 S. Wahanna Road, Seaside. Free help managing diabetes from certified diabetes educators. Topic is "Navigating the Holiday Table." All are welcome. For information, go to [www.providence.org/diabetes](http://www.providence.org/diabetes) or call 503-215-6628.

**Line Dancing for Seniors** — 3 to 4:30

p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Not for beginners. For information, call 503-325-3231.

**Clatsop County Democrats** — 6:30 to 9 p.m., Astoria Yacht Club, 300 Industry St., Suite 201 (at the West End Mooring Basin, above Tiki Charters). For information, call 503-717-1614 or go to <http://clatsopdemocrats.org>

## 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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## In One Ear



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## AMBUSH MAKEOVER

**First ran Sept. 20, 2013:** Gayle Leino told the Ear she was watching Kathy Lee and Hoda on NBC's "Today" show Sept. 12, and "when I heard Astoria, Oregon, my ears perked up."

That's when she realized that Astorian Teresa Hubbell had been selected by hairstylist Louis Licari and Today contributor Jill Martin for a head-to-toe ambush makeover. You can watch the segment here: <http://tinyurl.com/teresatoday>

Teresa, who was visiting Manhattan with her husband, Joe, and her mother, Diane, was standing in the crowd in the plaza outside the show when she and another woman were picked. Licari said he chose the pair specifically because they "didn't have a clue about how glamorous they could be."

When asked why she wanted this makeover for her daughter, Diane exclaimed, "Because she's a wonderful daughter. She's just awesome!" Doting husband Joe noted, "It won't take long to make her beautiful."

As it turns out, Teresa's hairdresser had been urging her for some time to color her hair, and that was one of the elements of the makeover, along with layering, a new hair style, great makeup, snazzy earrings and an elegant new outfit and shoes. The before and after photos, courtesy of Today, are shown.

When it was time for the big reveal, and the "new" Teresa came on stage, her family removed their blindfolds. Her mother promptly burst into tears (requiring someone to hustle offstage for tissues), and her husband beamed and said, "Nice!"

Then it was Teresa's turn to look at herself in the mirror, and she was truly shocked. She laughed with glee, clapped her hands, and said, "Thank you!"

"I think I need a makeover, 'cause she looks like my daughter," Joe noted.

"She looks wonderful," Gayle sighed.



Teresa Hubbell Before



After

## DODGE DOES BROADWAY



**First ran Dec. 14, 2012:** Astoria artist Bill Dodge has decided to update his "bucket list" with travel adventures — the first being a visit to Sardi's in New York City during the Thanksgiving holiday. "I wanted to see a piece of my art which has hung there for more than 27 years," Bill explained.

Here's the backstory: "I designed my first ArtExpo poster at the then new Jacob Javits Center in 1984," Bill explained, "and appeared there signing copies of the work entitled 'Identified Flying Objects Over Broadway,' in which Sardi's restaurant is prominently featured." The print and a detail are pictured, left.

"I was so busy looking down the runway in front of my booth at the art exhibition at Andy Warhol and his group of, to say the least, 'character buddies.' I was so hopeful he might stop at my display and at least look at my work, so I kept my eyes on him as he approached."

"I felt a tap on my shoulder and a voice said, 'I would like to buy this,'" he continued. "I paid no attention to him, except as a dutiful artist selling art. I was much more interested in whether the famed Warhol would deign to look at my humble pieces — but he approached and scurried on by with his cult followers without paying the least bit of attention to my art."

"It wasn't until I got back to my hotel that night and was running my credit card purchases for the day that I discovered the gentleman who had bought the signed reproduction of (my painting) was none other than Vincent Sardi himself!" Bill exclaimed.

"I felt so badly I had ignored this iconic restaurant figure," Bill chuckled ruefully, "and was paying attention to Andy what's-his-name."

## MILLIONS OF PIES, OH MY



**First ran July 19, 2013:** Astoria expatriate Chef Daymon Garrett Edwards, pictured, who now lives in Seoul, Korea, started by opening Ruby Edwards' Tartine Bakery & Café, specializing in homemade pies. The store was a huge hit, and now there are several branches open to celebrate a landmark achievement.

"Nov. 15, 2012, we sold our one millionth pie," Daymon wrote. "It took us four years and seven months to accomplish this feat in Korean Pie Baking History. At the rate of our sales now, we predict that we will sell our 2 millionth pie around April 2014 ... Getting to the one million pies sold mark seems to be the hard part; the rest has been a piece of pie, so to speak."

**Update:** "We have sold an additional 1,800,000 pies since our last posting Sept. 8, 2014 (2 million pies), 3.8 million since we opened in April 2008," Daymon wrote. "We remain Korea's top pie café."

"Hello to all my Astorian friends," he added. "Believe it or not, many present and past Astorians visit me here in Seoul, and many of their friends are told to look me up while they are here. The world is smaller than we think."

## I LEFT MY HEART IN ROSBURG



**First ran May 25, 2012:** At a recent Finnish Brotherhood meeting, member John Laine approached fellow member Anita Raistakka of Naselle, Washington, and asked her to help locate a Purple Heart recipient.

A woman from McMinnville had purchased the medal at a garage sale; the back was engraved with the name Elmer J. Laine. She traced the name as far as Astoria, and she contacted John, a former Astorian, hoping he was one of Elmer's relatives. Alas, they are not related.

But John remembered an Elmer Laine from the Deep River, Washington, area, who was a good friend of his parents — they would repair Elmer's gillnet boats, and in return, Elmer would let them use the boats for sport fishing.

With that information in hand, Anita called Carol Laine Ervest, pictured, of Rosburg, Washington, who turned out to be the late Elmer John Laine's niece. Although she had inherited her uncle's service papers, she did not know about the medal, and was delighted to receive it.

## SKIPANON MEMORIES



**First ran March 9, 2012:** Lifelong Warrenton resident Jim Culp Sr. came in to chat about history, and one company he mentioned often was the Prouty Lumber & Box Co., a sawmill that used to be on the Skipanon River. He particularly enjoyed it when captains of ships docking there would put up a line so the kids could swing over, drop off into the river and swim.

According to the Skipanon River Watershed History (<http://tinyurl.com/proutybox>), Prouty was the largest industry on the Skipanon in 1950, producing about 175,000 board feet of lumber a day. The mill actually started in Seaside in 1913, and moved to Warrenton in 1921, where there were other sawmills and shingle mills at the time. The logs were boomed up near Warrenton's Third Street, Jim said. Incidentally, Prouty was the only mill that ran continuously through the Depression, closing in 1953.

So, with the old mill in mind, Jim provided a gem of a photo of a ship's bow (red arrow in photo) that plowed into the Prouty docks. He wasn't sure exactly when the photo was taken. Apparently, there was no tug available, so the captain decided to dock the vessel all by himself. Clearly, it was not a good plan.