

Astoria author reads at Lucy's Books

ASTORIA — Author Lucy Mihajlich — an Astoria native releasing her first novel, “Interface” — will hold a book signing for the second annual Astoria Pride celebration 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at Lucy's Books (348 12 St.).

The novel tells the story of Pen Nowen, whose father was the founder of Interface, a computer company bigger than any that came before it — because it bought them all. Interface is releasing a new security webcam designed to lower the country's rising crime rate. Better yet, the company is throwing a launch party at its flagship store in New York City. Pen is on her way to the airport when she gets kidnapped, according to a plot description.

“She's about to begin the ransom negotiations when the kidnapper says that he doesn't want money. He wants something else from her. Before Pen can text 911, he says something even creepier. He knows the truth about her dad's death,” the de-



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scription reads.

The novel's tag line: “It's 2048, and Big Broth-

er is Binge Watching.”

Mihajlich received an offer for the book from an international literary agency, but they asked her to add a romance between the two main characters, because they believed it was “crucial.” The main character of Interface, however, is asexual and asexual and romantic.

When Mihajlich refused to add romance, the



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Lucy Mihajlich

agency withdrew its offer. She took “Interface” to Kickstarter, where it was 122-percent funded, she said in press materials.

Mihajlich has been published in RAIN Magazine, Gay YA, Pathos, Dream People, 365 Tomorrows, Hip Mama and Bitch Magazine. She can be found at: lmihajlich.wix.com/lucymihajlich

“Interface” can be found at Lucy's Books: lucys-books.com/

Rain Magazine 2017 reading and reception

ASTORIA — The 2017 edition of Rain Magazine, Clatsop Community's annual literary and arts publication, has landed.

The community is invited to celebrate the magazine's 48th edition with a free public reading and reception 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, in the Royal Nebeker Art Gallery at the Art Center on the college Lexington campus (1799 Lexington Ave.). Light refreshments will be served.

The magazine's contributors will be on hand to read excerpts, and original artwork will be displayed. Copies of this limited edition publication will be available for a suggested \$10 donation.

This year's edition includes new writing from Robert Michael Pyle, Karin Temple, Wayne Downing, Florence Sage, Jim Dott, John Ciminello, Melissa Lahti, Kathy Hightower, Autumn Buckridge, Cameron Pierce, Gail Henrikson, Alyssa Graybeal and others.



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It also showcases new artwork by Terry Shumaker, Bill Dodge, Roger Hayes, Kim Rose-Adams, Vicki Lawson, Logan Tausch, Lisa Ackerman and Martha Clarkson.

This year's cover features a painting by Clatsop Community College art student and Rain staff member Kelsi Leer.

For more information, contact faculty advisor (and Coast Weekend contributor) Ryan Hume at rhum@clatsopcc.edu, or call 503-338-2517.

Crossword Answer

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