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## GOONIE TREASURES



A few weeks ago there was mention in this column about the Prop Store in London auctioning off “Data’s Stunt Trench Coat,” which **Ke Huy Quan** wore in the movie “The Goonies” with a starting bid of £15,000 (\$19,864). Well, the auction is over, and even though the coat was expected to top out much higher, it sold for £15,000 (<http://tinyurl.com/propgoon>).

As it turns out, other items from the movie production were in the auction, as well. **Crew Materials and Behind the Scenes Photographs**, including personal photos from the collection of stuntman **Randell Widner**, which were expected to go for a minimum of £40 (\$66), sold for a winning bid of £800 (\$1,081). Widner is pictured, courtesy of the Prop Store.

A **Fratelli Cutlass** went for £3,250 (\$4,391), three **One-Eyed Willy Treasure Coins** were worth £2,750 (\$3,716), and **Richard Donner’s Behind-the-Scenes Pirate Flag** sold for £900 (\$1,216). But the piece of resistance of the auction was **Sloth’s Stunt Mask**, which didn’t do as well as expected. It was offered at a minimum bid of £30,000 (\$40,540), and that’s exactly what it sold for.

Have some Goonies memorabilia from when they were shooting the movie in Astoria? You might just have a little gold mine.

## SCHOOL DAZE



Once again, the Scandinavians are ahead of the sustainability game, this time with the design for Denmark’s **Copenhagen International School** in Nordhavn harbor by C.F. Møller Architects. NewAtlas.com reports (<http://tinyurl.com/cfmoller>). A photo of the school by Adam Mørk is shown.

The school’s exterior is covered with 12,000 solar panels which beam in natural light and are expected to produce more than half the electricity the building needs. No small feat for the almost 280,000 square foot interior, made up of four towers, each one several stories high.

The new school also features a rainwater collection system, LED lighting, and a “green” roof. And, for visual effect, the solar panels are individually angled, to “resemble sequins” the architectural firm says.

It’s almost enough to make you want to go back to school.

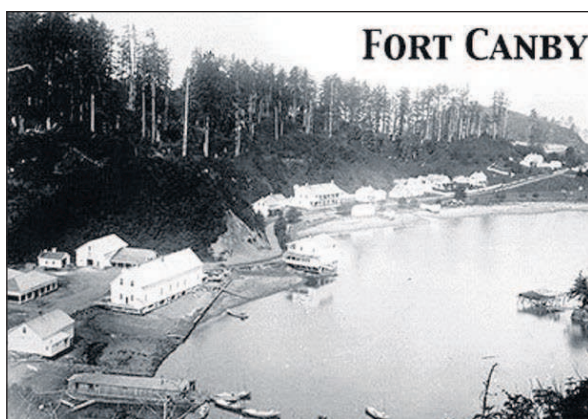
## DON’T LOOK UP



Because of the bizarre weather on the North Coast Sept. 18, this item caught the Ear’s attention: On Sept. 28, in Tampico, Mexico, tiny fish were falling from the sky during a light rainstorm, according to a story on LiveScience.com (<http://tinyurl.com/fishyfall>). A few of the finny flyers are pictured, courtesy of Protección Civil Tamaulipas.

So how is this possible? Scientists say the fish got sucked up into the sky during a waterspout, then winds carried them inland, where they dropped to the ground. Apparently, this isn’t all that unusual, as “fishy rains” have been documented in several locations around the globe. Just not here. Yet.

## ‘HANGING ON FOR DEAR LIFE’



The Ear was remiss in not mentioning the anniversary of the wreck of the pilot schooner **Governor Moody** three miles north of Fort Canby, Washington on Sept. 21, 1890.

**Capt. Peter Cordiner** gave a harrowing account of what happened to the Daily Alta California newspaper. He and the crew, **Louis Olsen**, **Gustav McCorda** and the cook, **George Salvely**, were returning from a trip when the fog set in. The captain suddenly sensed they were near shore, but he couldn’t turn the vessel in time to avoid the breakers that swept them into the base of a cliff at North Head.

The men ran for the main rigging and climbed, and were “hanging on for dear life, while each successive breaker was shaking the craft to pieces,” the captain wrote. “In one of those larches the mainmast came down with a fearful crash, carrying us with it.”

Capt. Cordiner gashed his head in the melée, but gathered his wits quickly, ran to the fore-rigging and climbed the mast-head, while the vessel was being continuously shoved against the cliff. “... In some way I got between the mast and the cliff and got my arm and shoulder bruised. I was knocked off my feet, but in falling managed to strike in the crotch of the jib halyards and slid down the jib stay. I then climbed up the mast and managed to reach the overhanging rocks, and pulled myself up to a place of safety.”

McCorda followed. Olsen, who had an injured hip, clung to the rocks below, so the men lowered some halyards to him hauled him up. The cook was gone, presumed dead; the three remaining survivors hiked to Fort Canby. The life-saving crew there immediately went to the wreck, but clothes, books and a sextant were most of the few items that could be recovered.

The life-saving crew made one other discovery, as well: the cook, very much alive, stranded on a narrow rock shelf. “An overhanging ledge prevented his climbing further up, and the waves were boiling beneath him,” the captain wrote. “He had been in this situation, with the surf throwing spray over him, for nearly six hours, and was terribly exhausted when rescued.”

There was no rescue for the Governor Moody, though. She was a total loss.

## AROUND THE TOWN

**N**ewsy notes from the **Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1884** edition of **The Daily Morning Astorian**:

• **Alf. Bowen**, the handsomest man in Pacific County and the next territorial councilman from across the river, was making eyes at the girls on Chenamus Street yesterday afternoon.

**Note:** Councilman Alf Bowen established the first newspaper in Pacific County, Washington, the **Pacific Journal**, in Oysterville in 1883, where it was published for five or six years (<http://tinyurl.com/sydoyster>).

• No section shows a greater amount of building going on than **Uppertown**. Fully 50 buildings have been erected this season. Among others now in process of construction is a large building being put up for a store by Jos. Olson, a boarding house opposite the **Occident Packing Co.’s** premises, and dwellings by Messrs. Larsen, Ostrom, Anderson and others.

**Note:** The road from Astoria to Upper Astoria was completed in 1878, connecting the two cities, ending their three-decade rivalry and separate post offices. In 1883, a fire raged through lower Astoria waterfront, and the city was still in the process of rebuilding in 1884. In 1891, the corporate limits of Astoria were changed to include Uppertown, making the merger of the two cities official (<http://tinyurl.com/upperasto>).

• And so the old **Shubrick** is finally to be replaced! The **Manzanita** comes in her stead. The old side-wheeler has been in service for over a quarter of a century, and has weathered many a heavy southwester on this northwest coast ...

**Note:** The Shubrick was the first lighthouse tender steamer built by the Lighthouse Board, launched in 1857 in Philadelphia. A Confederate plot to seize the Shubrick during the Civil War was discovered and foiled in 1863. She is pictured, courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard Historian’s office (<http://tinyurl.com/shubrick>).

After the war, the ship was transferred to the Navy for service at the Bering Sea, returning to the Lighthouse Board in 1866. In 1880, she was transferred to lighthouse tender duty on the North Coast. Sold in Astoria in 1886, the new owner ran her aground, stripped the vessel and burned the hull to collect the metal. A very inglorious end.

Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to <http://astoriafiberarts.com>

### SUNDAY

**Blacksmith Enthusiasts Meet** — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Camp 18 Blacksmith Shop, 42362 U.S. Highway 26, Seaside. Participants welcome to bring their own forge and anvil setup. Metal available to experiment with; coal is provided. No charge, but donations to the Camp 18 Loggers Memorial Mu-

seum welcome. For information, contact Mark Standley at 503-434-0148 or Herman Doty at 971-306-1043 or [ringinganvildesign@gmail.com](mailto:ringinganvildesign@gmail.com)

**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

## MYSTERY AT SEA



It’s been two months now, and Astoria’s wayward sailor, Russian-American **Rimas Meleshyus** (pictured) is still missing at sea. He set off from Hilo, Hawaii, in early summer on his latest attempt to sail around the world in the 30-foot Mimsy, with little sailing experience, but a great talent for drifting, “Kon Tiki style.”

In his last Facebook post on July 30, he was drifting west southwest at 1.87 mph, just east of Fiji, after an unsuccessful call for help. He had no motor, life raft, fishing gear or sails, and was running out of food.

Friends have notified Fiji land and sea authorities of his plight, but no wreckage has been found, and no one has actually seen Rimas or his boat. A rumor surfaced recently that he had been spotted at a McDonald’s in Lautoka, Fiji, but no one has been able to verify the sighting.

The mystery continues. Rimas seems to have literally fallen off the face of the earth.

## TRULY SHANGHAIED IN ASTORIA



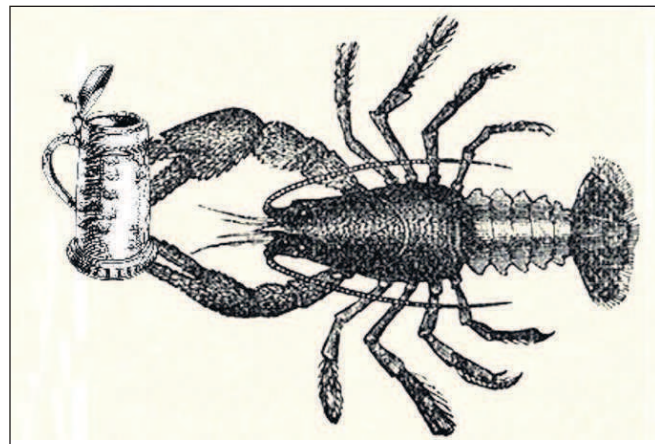
The Oregon Archives recently posted a “shanghai” letter from July 29, 1891 on its Facebook page. It’s from **Darius Norris** (who wound up in London after being **shanghaied in Astoria**) to Astorian **Bill Joplin**. You can read the whole letter at <http://tinyurl.com/NorrisLtr>. Here are a few excerpts:

“I am in this city, I was run aboard a ship, shanghaied by (Astoria) **Chief of Police (W. J.) Barry**. I will be back as soon as I can get back. I will go over to New York, then I will telegraph to (Bill) **Edgar** to send me money ... If you see him tell him I was run on a ship by them scoundrels. ... They shanghaied me under the name of Smith. I will come back and face the whole crowd of them that wronged me ...

“... They done this job to try and rob me out of my property. ... They got \$140 blood money on me by shanghaied me on that ship. I got nothing. They told me that I was no seaman; so I got abused and crippled and got nothing, and was left here destitute by the action of those scoundrels. I will meet them if I live.”

One can’t help but wonder if he got his revenge.

## CLEAN SUDS



Since this is the land of beer lovers, the Ear cannot resist passing on an AtlasObscura.com story about a Czech brewery’s devotion to the purity of its product (<http://tinyurl.com/crayH2O>).

To ensure that they are using the cleanest water possible, the brewery has hired five new employees in an unusual experiment. Actually, they are crustaceans. Crayfish, to be exact.

The little critters have been outfitted with infrared sensors on their backs that monitor their heart rates and movement. Some of the water flowing into the brewery vats is diverted into a tank containing the crayfish, and if the heart rates of three or more climb, and they start moving around too much, a computer lets the brewers know there’s a problem with the water within three minutes.

What’s next? Crayfish heart monitors. Na zdravi!

## COMMUNITY NOTES

### SATURDAY

**Mom’s Club of Astoria Garage Sale** — 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., 130 W. Klaskanine Ave. All proceeds from sales will be used to purchase gifts for the Astoria/Knapka Wishing Tree program.

**Sit & Stitch** — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Homespun Quilts & Yarn, 108 10th St. Bring knitting, crochet or other needlework projects to this community stitching time. All skill levels welcome.

**Detachment 1228 Marine Corps League** — noon, El Compadre, 119 Main Ave., Warrenton. For information, contact Lou Neubecker at 503-717-0153.

**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

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.

**Seekers Group** — 6 to 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way, Warrenton. Group discusses issues facing religious faith in the modern secular

world. All are welcome. For information, call 503-861-2421.

### 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, *See NOTES, Page 3B*