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'BYE BYE BIRDIE'



Recently Warrenton High School put on a production of the Broadway musical hit "Bye Bye Birdie." But did you know Astoria High School put on the same show, on March 12, 13 and 14, 1970? **ShawnAnn Hope** remembers it well, because she was in it. She is pictured, middle, in an AHS yearbook photo with fellow castmates **Debby Anderson**, left, and **Karen Kinnunen**.

It was the first musical to be produced at AHS for several years. The cast included current city attorney **Blair Henningsgaard** (pictured, inset), starring as Conrad Birdie. For a list of the full cast and crew, check out the newspaper clipping at tinyurl.com/byebye1970

From ShawnAnn's diary:

• **Jan. 26, 1970** — I found out that a few people found out what parts they got in "Bye Bye Birdie." I prayed to God to get me a part.

• **Jan. 27, 1970** — I was over-thrilled about getting the part in the play I tried out for. I got the part of Ursula Merkle, Kim MacAfee's best friend. It is one of the bigger parts ...

• **March 14, 1970** — ... I did not show off as much as I did last night, but when your name is Ursula Merkle, I suppose you wouldn't want to ...

• **March 27, 1970** — "Bye Bye Birdie" production taped play was being played at Astoria High School. We all went to watch it.

Which begs the question: Where is that taped version now? Does anyone know?

THINK PINK



Ocean Network Express' (ONE) Line's first eye-popping magenta-branded containership, **ONE Commitment**, is on its maiden voyage from Asia to North America, gCaptain.com reports (tinyurl.com/ONEpinkship). She is pictured, courtesy of ONE Line.

Actually, she's not a new ship, only new to ONE, which is a conglomerate of Japanese shipping companies "K" Line (Mitsui OSK Lines (MOL) and Nippon Yusen Kaisha (NYK)). She was originally the MOL Commitment — and definitely not pink. Indeed, she was a very staid blue.

Colorful Commitment's debut voyage began May 15 from Singapore, and as of Thursday, she was in Tacoma, Washington. Next stop is Vancouver, then back to Asian ports of call and Singapore.

NAME THAT 'TOON

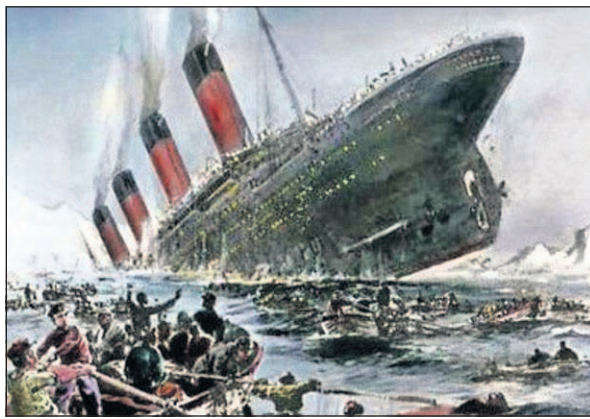
THE NEW YORKER CARTOON CAPTION CONTEST

- "He makes us watch this fire-safety video once a year."
Submitted by Daniel Atonna, Montgomery, N.Y.
- "I understand this is just until the boiler gets fixed."
Submitted by Clare Christiansen, Oak Harbor, Wash.
- "The only other channel is brimstone."
Submitted by Arnie Hummasti, Astoria, Ore.

In *The New Yorker* that arrived today, **Arnie Hummasti** of Astoria is a finalist in the weekly **Cartoon Caption Contest**, **Steve Forrester** wrote. "The cartoon is of a flock of naked men and women at the gates of hell, watching a television set showing flames. A man is talking to a woman. Hummasti's caption is: 'The only other channel is brimstone.'"

You can help him win by voting for his caption. First, go to tinyurl.com/TNYvote. You'll have to create an account, but it's free, and only takes a minute. Once you're logged in, pick his caption — but you'd better hustle, as the voting closes at 8:59 p.m. Sunday, Pacific Daylight Time. The winner is being announced Monday, June 18.

TITANIC TIDBITS



Newser.com reports there was more to the story of oceanographer and Navy commander **Robert Ballard** finding the **RMS Titanic** than was originally believed (tinyurl.com/titanfound). Ballard was actually out in the North Atlantic on a top-secret Navy mission to find two sunken subs to see if their nuclear reactors were a threat, and figure out why they wound up on the ocean floor.

Ballard suspected the Titanic was in the vicinity of the wrecked subs, so he asked if he could search for her after had finished his mission. He received permission to do so, and took a novel approach — instead of looking for the ship, he searched for the debris field, instead. He was rewarded at 2 a.m. Sept. 1, 1985, when the submersible robot started sending images of the Titanic's boiler.

The Navy was nonplussed Ballard found the Titanic, since they didn't expect him to succeed, so "they got really nervous because of the publicity," Ballard said.

Another recent story about the Titanic speculates that it might not have wound up on the ocean floor at all, but for a quirk of fate (tinyurl.com/DaBlair). Second Officer **David Blair**, who handled navigation equipment, looked forward to serving on the maiden voyage, but was bumped off the crew when the ship's owner brought in a man from Titanic's sister ship, Olympic, to replace him.

When Blair left Southampton, disgruntled and disappointed, he apparently left with the key to the locker that held the crew's nest binoculars. During an official inquiry after the sinking, one of the survivors said that if they'd been able to access the binoculars, they would have seen that fatal iceberg in time to avoid it. Ironically, when the ship went down, Blair's replacement went with it.

The great-grandson of Astoria's namesake, **John Jacob Astor IV**, went down with the ship, as well. His pregnant wife, Madeline, survived and gave birth to **John Jacob "Jakey" Astor VI** four months later in New York (tinyurl.com/jjastorVI).

'IT'S LIKE A MIRACLE'



On Saturday, **Vanessa Marie Troffer's** puppy **King**, a black 14-pound terrier, was hit by a car on U.S. Highway 30 between Scandinavian Road and the John Day trailer park. Whoever hit him took off and left King to die. Thankfully, **Cala Graxiola** saw him in the middle of the road, and rescued him before anything else happened.

Getting King help was quite a process, as most local veterinarian offices were closed by the time Cala found him, so she took the pup to the Astoria Police Station. Someone there called **Steve Hildreth**, supervisor of the Clatsop County Animal Shelter, and luckily for King, Steve was able to reach **Dr. Brad Pope** of Bayshore Animal Hospital in Warrenton, to ask for help. Soon King was taken to Bayshore for evaluation. "It's like a miracle that it happened the way it did," Vanessa marveled.

One of King's front legs was badly injured when he was hit, and he's having a difficult time walking. "Seeing him trying to walk, and falling, is breaking my heart," Vanessa said. "He wants to move, but isn't sure how."

At this point, it is too soon to tell if the leg will have to be amputated; the decision will be made in about a month, and the outcome will depend on whether the feeling comes back in the leg or not.

"King has been through everything with me," Kayla wrote. "The moments I was in some town with no family, no loved ones near, I had King. The nights I slept on the streets in Portland, he was by my side. He's been more than just a dog to me. If he would have died, I would have been broken."

"I just wanted these people (who helped King) to know they did something so meaningful, and acted so quickly," Vanessa added, "that because of them, I don't have to tell my daughter our little baby died. I don't have to feel emptiness going home."

Hopefully, King's leg will heal. "Any extra prayers for my little guy would help a ton!"

THIS 'N THAT GOONIES



Since **Goonie Days** runs through Sunday, some Goonie trivia is in order, and a visit to a website devoted to the partially found/deleted scenes from the beloved 1985 movie — which can be found at tinyurl.com/missingGoon — seemed in order.

There you will find videos of the octopus encounter and shopping at the convenience store, and several still shots from scenes where there is no known video footage, including a car going into the Columbia River and two photos from the vanished alternate ending (one photo is shown, courtesy of LostMediaWiki.com).

With all the versions of the movie that have been released over the years, scenes that are deleted in one, might pop up in another. The Internet Movie Database's explanation of the several variations will make your head spin (tinyurl.com/diffGoon).

And, last but not least, did you know there was a song that was supposed to run with the credits? It was director Richard Donner's idea, and set teacher **Rhoda C. Fine** wrote the ditty, which was supposed to be sung by the Goonie kids. The lyrics to "**The Goonock Rock**" are here: tinyurl.com/rhodason (did you know One-Eyed Willie's last name is Wilcox?). Sorry folks, there's no known recording.

MY GOODNESS



Lottery winners can turn up in the most interesting, out-of-the-way places. Like Vernonia, for instance, where **Ashley Smith**, 24, lives with her boyfriend. Actually, it was a friend who won a \$200 Oregon Lottery prize that inspired Ashley, that same evening, to pick up an Oregon Lottery Scratch-it when she was shopping for groceries at **R&S Market** in Vernonia, owned by **Randy and Sharon Parrow**. Only Ashley's winning ticket was for a lot more than \$200 — it was worth \$100,000.

"The only time I really play is during the holidays when I get Scratch-its as gifts," Smith said. "I never buy these, and then I win \$100,000. I mean, I bought it in this small town here, my goodness."

She plans to use some of her prize for her upcoming wedding, and "We haven't really traveled anywhere," she said. "We are exploring and seeing the best deals to go somewhere out of the country."

"It's life-changing money for me," she noted, but she plans to be sensible with her windfall. "The first thing I did was pay off my student loans. We are going to invest the rest. It will give us a nice cushion."

"We are very excited for the person who won," the Parrows said. "We are happy it was a person from Vernonia."

TEN STATES, 4,300 MILES



Unless you were at the Columbia River Maritime Museum early Saturday morning, you missed the departure of the 114 avid participants in the fifth **Trans Am Bike Race** (pictured from the group's Facebook page) who are racing 4,300 grueling miles across 10 states to Yorktown, Virginia.

Anyone tackling this adventure would be wise to note the detailed list of rules, dos and don'ts (mostly don'ts). Rule No. 1 holds few surprises: "No complaining about the rules."

Want to watch the racers' progress? Check out the **Trans Am Bike Race 2018** website at transambikerace.com. Last year's champion made it in 17 days, 8 hours and 58 minutes.

And what does the winner receive? There's "nothing to win or lose but honor."

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

Lower Columbia R/C Society — 8:30 a.m., Jim's Roadhouse Grill, 1605 E. Harbor St., 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.

Seniors Breakfast — 9 a.m. to noon, Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. Cooked to order from menu,

includes coffee. Cost is \$5 for seniors 62 and older, \$7.50 for those younger than 62. Breakfasts are open to the public. Proceeds after expenses help support local and other charities.

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

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 tinyurl.com/socialpugs

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Group — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Club 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 astoriafiberarts.com

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Blacksmith Enthusiasts Meet — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Camp 18 Black-

smith Shop, 42362 U.S. Highway 26, Seaside. Participants can bring own forge and anvil setup. Metal available to experiment with; coal provided. No charge; donations to Camp 18 Loggers Memorial Museum welcome. For information, contact Mark Standley at 503-434-0148 or Herman Doty at 971-306-1043 or ringinganvildesign@gmail.com

Military Officers Association of America, Lower Columbia River Chapter — 5 p.m., Doogers

Seafood and Grill, 103 U.S. Highway 101, Warrenton. Quarterly meeting and dinner. Guest speaker to discuss Oregon elections. All U.S. military officers and former officers, active duty, reserve, retired or warrant officers are invited, as well as U.S. Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officers. For information, contact Captain R. Stevens at 503-861-9832.

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