

Jacob: Community celebration of Jacob's life set for Nov. 3 at Astoria Armory

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Term of Your Senior Year in College."

In the memoir, he described how he moved back to Astoria after dropping out of college — a town that "I'd spent the last eight years trying to leave."

That feeling changed as he got older. He became an advocate for his hometown, coming up with one "crazy idea" after another to help breathe life into the city.

"He could see things other people couldn't see," said Donna Quinn, director of sales and marketing for the Cannery Pier Hotel. She called Jacob a friend and a mentor. "He had a lot of funny, crazy ideas and he made some of them happen and others are now lost to us."

Jacob struggled for most of his life with alcoholism. He was often candid about his drinking and his attempts at recovery. He described taking on numerous hobbies to distract himself from drinking, and checked in for treatment several times.

"I think we can have great compassion for that struggle that many people face," Quinn said.

He was "a man with truly demons in his head with a stroke of genius you couldn't find anywhere else," said Daly, who was several classes behind Jacob in high school. Everybody tried to help Jacob — friends, former classmates — and "he would beat us up for being there."

His former partner, the artist Sarah Goodnough, said the dark times, especially his difficulties in his 20s and 30s, contributed to his drive and generosity later in life.

"It caused him to be demanding of himself," she said. "And demanding of other

people, demanding the best."

"His biggest contribution truly was having people see their own greatness," she added, "and having people realize their own dreams for themselves. ... I think the man, who he was, was magic. He just thought differently than everybody else."

Jacob was known for freely giving money and support to others. He was the kind of person who would donate to causes or projects, but not make a fuss about his involvement. Or he'd slip money to someone he knew needed it — to the guy passing through town with all his possessions in a backpack, or to a person who Jacob thought could use the cash to build or create something.

Liberty Theatre

In the late 1990s, Steve Forrester, the now-retired publisher of The Daily Astorian, was part of a group that had long been interested in acquiring the Liberty Theatre and turning it into a performing arts center. He met Jacob and told him about the group's troubles in working with the theater's owner.

"Well, maybe I'll buy it and sell it to you," Forrester recalled Jacob saying.

Jacob undertook six months of the "most horrendous negotiations" to get the theater's owner, Edward Eng, to agree to sell the downtown building. Finally, Eng accepted Jacob's offer, but, as Jacob told it, "he said there's no way in hell that the candy he had just bought (for the theater) goes with the price."

So Jacob, Eng and a 20-year-old helper spent a long Sunday night at the theater, counting candy.

"They kept screwing up and

finally at midnight I said, pick a number. I'm leaving." Jacob wrote in an essay on a personal website about the ordeal. "He came out of the candy closet mad and said, 'There's at least \$4,000 worth in there.' I said, 'Pick another number.' He said, '\$3,000.' I said, 'Pick another number.' He said, '\$2,500.' I said, 'You've got one more chance. Try again or I quit.' I meant it. Christ, it was candy. He said, '\$1,800.' I said, 'We're done. I'll meet you tomorrow morning at the title company.'"

The next day, the papers signed, Jacob ran over to the newspaper office to tell Forrester the good news: "I told him we had bought it on a

looked or couldn't imagine. He bought a broken-down, 100-year-old dock and began construction on the Cannery Pier Hotel in the early 2000s.

It was a project that many didn't believe he could pull off, requiring the construction of a new dock, multiple zone changes and complex approvals. He was rejected by five banks and had to battle county, state and city agencies.

The hotel, which rests on pilings that once supported the Union Fishermen's Cooperative Packing Co. and juts out 600 feet over the Columbia River, is now a modern-day landmark, its design reminiscent of the old cannery build-

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Robert 'Jake' Jacob

his own story on his website

contract and it was assignable and I could assign it to Steve's Friends of the Liberty immediately without Mr. Eng's consent. Steve said that this is serendipitous. I said, 'What does that mean?'"

Forrester said Monday that Jacob's role in putting the Liberty Theatre into local ownership was "pivotal and absolutely essential to the rebirth of downtown."

Cannery Pier

People said Jacob had an ability to see what others over-

ings that used to line the river. As other hoteliers attempt to build near the water, city boards often reference the hotel as a sort of gold standard for new construction and emphasize how it creatively deviates from the standard boxy design of many large hotels.

In a documentary about the building of the Cannery Pier Hotel, Jacob said that he didn't appreciate the Columbia River when he was growing up in Astoria.

"But as Astoria and I got older, I realized how fasci-

nating this river and its traffic could be," he says in a voice-over narration. "I felt if I could get the people into the channel rather than just being observers on the shore looking at the water, they could feel like they were part of the experience."

For Dulcye Taylor, the owner of Old Town Framing Co. and president of the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, the Cannery Pier Hotel illustrates Jacob's approach to a challenge perfectly: "You can tell me I can't do it, but I'm going to do it."

He instilled this same toughness in the board of directors for the Tourist No. 2, which was brought back to Astoria in 2016, Taylor said. Taylor is one of six board members for the ferry, along with City Councilor Cindy Price.

Quinn believes bringing the ferry to Astoria and the work to restore it will be part of Jacob's lasting legacy. But he will also be remembered for bringing the trolley, now a fixture of the waterfront and a major draw for tourists, to the Riverwalk in the 1990s and putting the Armory back to use in the community.

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'Weird stuff'

Jacob also helped launch what he called "weird stuff," including a festival celebrating

the 1998 film "The Big Lebowski." He was also plotting an "Astoria UFO and Real Alien Festival." He wrote two books: the memoir about his 20s and a children's book called "Sarah's Circus" co-written and illustrated by local artist Sally Lackaff.

"He's touched so many lives," said Michelle Roberts, Jacob's girlfriend of the past three years. "I truly believe Astoria is what it is today because of him."

In 2015, Jacob's brother, Greg Jacob, organized a "roast and toast" in Jacob's honor. The roast was a complete surprise to Jacob, who, nevertheless, crowned with a bowling pin headdress, managed to turn the entire roast around to get his own jabs in. He "turned the tables and somehow roasted half the people in attendance," Greg Jacob told The Daily Astorian's In One Ear column.

More than 100 people attended the roast and Jacob knew every last person. Nearly every time someone reared up and declared, "I've got a Jake story," he would interrupt: "Oh, yeah? Well I've got a story about you!"

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There will be a community celebration of Jacob's life on Nov. 3 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Astoria Armory. Family is asking for donations to the Astoria Ferry in Jacob's name to honor his memory in lieu of flowers.

Gliders: For years, the city didn't allow anything to be thrown from the monument

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Once a glider leaves a person's hands, it can go in many directions.

It might spiral down in tight circles and drop disappointingly close to the Column's base. It might catch an updraft and go soaring out over the trees and houses toward the Astoria Bridge, where at least one person has reported their car being hit by glider. Or a glider might coast in short

bursts, only to land on former Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen's roof.

"The really good flights land on our roof all the time," said Van Dusen, who lives on Irving Avenue, below the Column.

A T-shirt for sale in the Column gift shop bears an image of a glider and the phrase, "It's still flying." But sometimes they come back.

Gift shop employees have seen people run scav-

enger hunts down the forest trail near the Column, gathering up lost gliders. An older man has sometimes been spotted, off-trail, collecting gliders into plastic grocery bags that he hangs from tree branches for other people to find.

It isn't clear when the Friends of the Astoria Column, the group that maintains the landmark and its parkland, started letting people throw balsa wood gliders. For years, the city didn't allow

anything to be thrown from the monument.

Van Dusen believes city-approved glider flights started when the city was beginning renovation work at the Column in the early 1990s. Along with details about landscaping and how to open up the view around the Column, they also wanted to address another concern, Van Dusen said. For years, people had been buying balsa wood gliders elsewhere, bringing them up to the Col-

umn and sending them soaring.

People also threw other — less buoyant — items from the Column. At a meeting in 1990, the City Council discussed a "rash of bottle throwing from the Column."

Balsa wood gliders at least were light, biodegradable, and unlikely to do damage to people or vehicles.

"So if you can't beat 'em, join 'em," Van Dusen said. "It went from 'Don't throw them,' to 'Come buy them.'"

Nowadays, people might still try to toss toy soldiers outfitted with plastic parachutes or different types of gliders with metal or plastic parts. Caretakers and gift shop employees discourage this activity, however. Such items can become safety concerns and environmental hazards, Vigil said.

"We just want to make sure it's fun, safe and friendly to the environment," she said. "It's just a dollar, but then you can have this great experience."



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2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Bachelor in Paradise (N)				Castaways "My True Rescue" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Bachelor in Paradise (N)				Castaways "My True Rescue" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	America's Got Talent "Live Semi Finals 2" (N)				Making It		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Fallout"		Bull "Reckless"		NCIS: New Orleans "Checkmate, Part 1"		News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Fallout"		Bull "Reckless"		NCIS: New Orleans "Checkmate, Part 1"		KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "Live Semi Finals 2" (N)				Making It		KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "Therefore She Is"		The Outpost "Beyond the Wall" (N)		News at 10 (N) Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
9	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Ken Burns "The War" An exclusive look at "The Vietnam War."				Fleetwood Mac: Dance The most anticipated reunions of the decade.			
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Beat Shazam "Episode Fourteen"		Love Conn. "Michael and Diane" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
11	KPDx	(12) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)		Prime News (N)		Family Guy American Dad!		The Game	The Game
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Fourteen"		Love Conn. "Michael and Diane" (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
13	KIRO	(7) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		Wrecked Drop the Mic		Conan	
14	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
15	ESPN	(29) (5:30) Soccer (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
16	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NFL Live	ESPN Documentaries			Skateboarding Vans Park Series		NFL Live		First Take The hottest topics in sports are debated.			
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	(3:5) Friends
18	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home 1/2
19	FAM	(34) ** Because I Said So (2007, Romance)	Mandy Moore, Gabriel Macht, Diane Keaton.			** A Walk to Remember (2002, Romance)	Shane West, Daryl Hannah, Mandy Moore.					The 700 Club	
20	FMC	(35) (5:5) The Book of Life (14) Diego Luna.		(50) FXM Presents	** Little Man (06) Marlon Wayans, Keenen Ivory Wayans.	(55) FXM Presents	** Little Man (06) Marlon Wayans, Keenen Ivory Wayans.	(55) FXM Presents	** Little Man (06) Marlon Wayans, Keenen Ivory Wayans.	(55) FXM Presents	** Little Man (06) Marlon Wayans, Keenen Ivory Wayans.	(55) FXM Presents	(55) FXM Presents
21	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy		Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	Love Unlocked	Married at First Si.	Married at First Sight (N)		(05) Seven Year Switch (N)		(05) Seven Year Switch	(05) Seven Year Switch
22	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Seattle	Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)					Post-game	MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Seattle Mariners		
23	FS1	(39) NFL Turning Point		NFL Films (N)	MLB's Best	MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	To Be Announced		Wanted (2008, Action)	James McAvoy.
24	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master "Right on Target" (N)		Wanted (2008, Action)	James McAvoy.
25	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Daily Show (N) The Office	
26	HIST	(45) (5:00) Voices From Inside the Towers		102 Minutes/ Changed An in-depth look at the World Trade Center attack.		9/11: Floor by Floor Survivors from 9/11		9/11: Floor by Floor Survivors from 9/11		9/11: Floor by Floor Survivors from 9/11		9/11: Floor by Floor Survivors from 9/11	
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Blood Red/ Deadly Moves"		First 48 "Fast Friends/ The Thin Line"		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 "Bad Lick/ Red Dawn"		(05) The First 48	(05) The First 48
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	OutDaughtered	OutDaughtered	OutDaughtered "OutValentined" (N)		OutDaughtered (N)		(05) Rattled (N)		(05) OutDaughtered	(05) OutDaughtered
29	DISC	(48) Alaskan Bush People "Bush Heart"		Bush People "Back to the Bush"		Alaskan Bush People (N)						Alaskan Bush People "Raised Wild"	
30	NGEO	(49) 9/11: Voices From the Air		Inside 9/11 "Zero Hour" Learn what happened on September 11, 2001.				Inside 9/11 "War on America" Terrorist activities in the 1990s are tracked.				George W. Bush: The 9/11 Interview	
31	TNT	(50) **** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2 (2015, Adventure)	Donald Sutherland, Liam Hemsworth, Jennifer Lawrence.			*** Maleficent (2014, Adventure)	Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Angelina Jolie.			*** Deep Impact (1998, Act) Morgan Freeman, Elijah Wood.		The Boy Next Door (14) Jennifer Lopez.	
32	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** True Lies (94) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Arnold, Jamie Lee Curtis.		*** The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action)	Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm, Dennis Quaid.							Law & Order: S.V.U. "Annihilated"	
33	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown		The Purge "Take What's Yours" (N)		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Waste Not"		Chopped "Twins for the Win"		Chopped "Under the Cuban Sun" (N)		Chopped "Taco Time!"		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters
35	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper Special		Fixer "A Veteran Home Makeover"		Fixer "Rustic Italian Dream Home"		Desert Flippers (N) Desert Flippers		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		House Hunters	House Hunters
36	FX	(56) (5:30) *** 300: Rise of an Empire (14) Sullivan Stapleton.		*** Guardians of the Galaxy (2014, Adventure)	Zoe Saldana, Lee Pace, Chris Pratt.					Mayans M.C. "Escorpion/ Dzec" (N)		Mayans M.C. "Escorpion/ Dzec"	
37	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
38	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Paid Program	Paid Program
40	BRV	(63) Below Deck "Stew Coup"		Below Deck "One Million Percent"		Below Deck "Definitely Not Prague"		Below Deck "Reunion" (N)		(15) Flipping Out (N)		(15) Watch (N)	(15) TBA
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) Cooley High (75) Cynthia Davis.		**** Sounder (1972, Drama) Paul Winfield, Kevin Hooks, Cicely Tyson.		*** Bright Road (53) Harry Belafonte, Dorothy Dandridge.		*** The Learning				Tree (69, Dra) Dana Elcar, Alex Clarke.	
42	SYFY	(65) (5:00) The Mechanic Jason Statham.		*** The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.								Futurama	Futurama
43	RFD	(62) (5:30) Cattlemen (N) LandLeader TV (N)		Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD		Cattlemen to Cattlemen		LandLeader TV	Product Showcase

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