

Wigwams: ‘This thing’s breathing. It’s Wigwam Man. I’m outta here.’

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sawmill to be fed by a flume — a long, winding water-filled trough that brought big timbers from the roughsaw mill in Willard, 4.5 miles away and 1,000 feet up.

‘This thing’s breathing’

After a restful night in The Dalles, I set off for Eastern Oregon and two rumored burner sites that were gone without a trace. Wild goose chase.

Locals pointed me south to a burner at Seneca, south of Canyon City. This one was a magnificent sight in the predawn light. Standing in a huge field all by itself, it dominated the entire scene. I crawled inside through a hole in the metal and stood looking up as I heard a kind

of low, pulsing wind sound. “This thing’s breathing,” I said aloud. The hair on the back of my neck stood at attention. “It’s Wigwam Man. I’m outta here.”

Outside, as I walked around the structure, I began to roar with laughter. Standing before me, right next to the cone, was a cow about the size of a bulldozer with its head stuck through a hole in the metal skin.

“Holy smokes, do I need some coffee?” I said as I stood outside in the morning mist, but it was not to be for another 60 miles.

After another wild goose chase near Prairie City, I headed for North Central Washington, through the stark beauty of the Yakima and Colville Reservations.

My destination was two wide spots in the road north

of Republic called Malo and Curlew. These two burgs near the Canadian border each have a burner. One stands in a logging museum lot in Malo and was moved there from its original site. The other, on a narrow creek, was the most complete mill I found. It looked like they just shut off the power and walked away. The sun-worn sign said Brown Lumber Company.

Wood smoke has always had a physical effect on me. I get nostalgic and my nose tweaks at the smell. I know some people are glad those old burners are gone, but I still have that nostalgic feel for them. It did me good to see that a few are still standing, and I’ll keep looking, but I shall not again encourage Wigwam Man to materialize anytime soon.



Ron Baldwin

This burner in Curlew, Washington, has the perfect cone shape.

THE DAILY ASTORIAN TV SCHEDULE													Evening listings		FRIDAY—SUNDAY						
FRIDAY EVENING													APRIL 12								
A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach																					
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30								
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	The Boat (SF) (N)	Speechless (SF) (N)	20/20 Interviews and hard-hitting investigative reports.					News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel							
5	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Boat (SF) (N)	Speechless (SF) (N)	20/20 Interviews and hard-hitting investigative reports.					KOMO4News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel							
6	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Blindspot "Ohana" (N)		The Blacklist "Lady Luck" (N)		Dateline NBC		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show								
6	KOIN	(5) News (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	MacGyver (N)		Hawaii 5-0 "He Kama Na Ka Pueo" (N)		Blue Bloods "Common Enemies" (N)		KOIN News/ 11 (N)	(35) Masters (N)								
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	MacGyver (N)		Hawaii 5-0 "He Kama Na Ka Pueo" (N)		Blue Bloods "Common Enemies" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(35) Masters (N)								
9	KGW	(5) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Blindspot "Ohana" (N)		The Blacklist "Lady Luck" (N)		Dateline NBC		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show								
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "The Rematch"		News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half								
10	KOPB	(10) Burt Wolf Pt. 2 of 2	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		800 Words		The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "Limbo"		Masterpiece Classic "Indian Summers"		Film School Shorts									
12	KPTV	(12) News (N)	Timbers in 30	Family Feud	Family Feud	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	Proven Inno. "Acceptable Losses" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV								
13	KPDx	(5) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		9pm Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game								
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man Standing	The Cool Kids	Proven Inno. "Acceptable Losses" (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		Most Wanted	The Simpsons								
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	*** Captain America: Civil War (2016, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans.						eSports									
9	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	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								
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) Golf Masters Tournament				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)									
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) Awards	NBA: The Jump	Basketball Hoop Summit (L)				Woj & Lowe	NBA: The Jump	UFC "236: Holloway vs. Poirier 2"		(55) F1 Auto Race Chinese Grand Prix (L)									
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Crashletes (N)	Henry Danger	** The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie (04) Tom Kenny.				The Office 1/2	The Office 2/2	Friends	(35) Friends								
32	DISN	(32) Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home 2/3	Raven's Home 3/3	Sydney to the Max	Sydney Max (N)	Coop & Cami	Bizaardvark	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Sydney Max								
34	FAM	(34) *** Shrek (2001, Animated) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Mike Myers.	*** Shrek Forever After (10) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Mike Myers.			*** Shrek Forever After (10) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Mike Myers.															
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(45) *** Deepwater Horizon (16) Kurt Russell, John Malkovich, Mark Wahlberg.	(55) FXM Presents *** The Wolverine (2013, Action) Will Yun Lee, Tao Okamoto, Hugh Jackman.									(35) FXM Presents								
36	LIFE	(36) (5:30) *** Meet the Parents (00, Com) Robert De Niro, Blythe Danner, Ben Stiller.	*** Step Brothers (2008, Comedy) John C. Reilly, Richard Jenkins, Will Ferrell.			*** Johnson Family Vacation (04) Vanessa L. Williams, Cedric the Entertainer.															
38	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	MarinersPre-game	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners Site: T-Mobile Park -- Seattle, Wash. (L)						Post-game	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners										
39	FS1	(39) (4:00) Racing	NHRA Drag Racing SpringNationals			MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.											
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	*** The Bourne Ultimatum (2007, Action) David Strathairn, Matt Damon.						*** The Bourne Ultimatum (2007, Action) Matt Damon.									
44	COM	(44) (15) South Park	(50) SouthPak "All About the Mormons?"	(25) South Park		South Park	South Park	Comedy...Roast "Rob Love" The dais tries to take down an ageless heartthrob.		Key & Peele	Key & Peele										
45	HIST	(45) Aliens "Aliens and Forbidden Islands"		Aliens "Aliens and the Red Planet"		Ancient Aliens "Return to Mars"		(05) Aliens "Russia's Secret Files"				Aliens "Russia's Secret Files"									
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD				Live PD (N) / (05) Live PD: Rewind (N)		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (N)													
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Yes Dress "Launching a New Marriage"		90 Day Fiancé "Nicole and Anzan: Our Continuing Journey"		Relive Nicole and Azan's long-distance love. (N)				Sister Wives "Leaving Las Vegas"									
48	DISC	(48) GoldRushMine "Dozer Dave Returns"		Gold Parker "Legendary Prospects"		Gold Parker "Dangerous Depths" (N)		Gold Rush "Lethal Landslide" A sudden landslide rips Parker from his feet. (N)				(05) Mummies Unwrapped									
49	NGEO	(49) Wild Bahamas: Enchanted Seas		Wild Galapagos		Galapagos: Middle Earth		Hostile Planet "Oceans"		Savage Kingdom "Dawn of Darkness"		Legendary Catch "Monster Marlin" (N)									
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Fight in the Fixer"		Bones "The Strike in the Chord"		*** Law Abiding Citizen (09, Cri) Gerard Butler, Colm Meaney, Jamie Foxx.				*** Four Brothers (05, Action) Tyrese Gibson, André Benjamin, Mark Wahlberg.											
51	AMC	(51) (5:25) *** I, Robot (2004, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Alan Tudyk, Will Smith.	*** Men in Black (1997, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Vincent D'Onofrio, Will Smith.			*** Men in Black II (2002, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Lara Flynn Boyle, Will Smith.				*** Men in Black II (2002, Sci-Fi) Tommy Lee Jones, Lara Flynn Boyle, Will Smith.											
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins								
53	FOOD	(53) Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins								
54	HGTV	(54) Love/List "The Impossible Dream House"		Love/List "Urban vs. Suburban Living"		My Dream Home	My Dream Home	Dream Home (N)	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home								
56	FX	(56) (5:30) *** Now You See Me (13, Cri) Common, Mark Ruffalo, Jesse Eisenberg.	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			Fox News @ Night				Hannity		The Ingraham Angle									
67	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time				Shark Tank				Shark Tank		Paid Program	Paid Program								
68	FNC	(58) Hannity				Shark Tank				Shark Tank		Paid Program	Paid Program								
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank				Shark Tank				Shark Tank		Paid Program	Paid Program								
63	BRAV	(63) Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy (N)	*** The 40-Year-Old Virgin (2005, Comedy) Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Steve Carell.										
64	TCM	(64) Movie	(45) *** Being There (1979, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine, Melvyn Douglas, Peter Sellers.	Jeebers Creepers 3 (2017, Horror) Meg Foster, Jonathan Breck.										Lady Street Fighter (81) Jody McCrea.							
65	SYFY	(65) *** Hellboy (2004, Sci-Fi) John Hurt, Selma Blair, Ron Perlman.				Jeebers Creepers 3 (2017, Horror) Meg Foster, Jonathan Breck.						*** Evil Dead (2013, Horror) Shiloh Fernandez, Jane Levy.									
62	RFD	(62) Texas-Reporter	FarmHer	Chasing-Madison	The Jimmy Dean Show	Rural Eve. News	Country Reunion "Songwriters" 2/2	Texas-Reporter	Chasing-Madison	Time Life Library											
SATURDAY EVENING													APRIL 13								
A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach																					
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30								
2	KATU	(2) (5:30) NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				KATU Special (N)	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Paid Program	20/20		News (N)	RingHonorWrestle								
5	KOMO	(4) (5:30) NBA Basketball Playoffs (L)				KOMO 4 News (N)	Seattle Refined	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	20/20		KOMO4News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle								
6	KING	(5) (5:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)				Evening Evergreen	Sat. Night Live Emma Stone hosts with musical guest BTS. (L)	Dateline				KING 5 News (N)	Sat. Night Live								
6	KOIN	(5) News (N)	Weekend News (N)	Entertainment Tonight Weekend		Ransom "Prima" (N)		The Code "Blowed Up"		48 Hours		KOIN News/ 11 (N)	(35) Game On								
6	KIRO	(7) Weekend News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Entertainment Tonight Weekend		Ransom "Prima" (N)		The Code "Blowed Up"		48 Hours		KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Wipeout								
9	KGW	(5) (5:00) NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)				Paid Program	Sat. Night Live Emma Stone hosts with musical guest BTS. (L)	Dateline				News (N)	Sat. Night Live								
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	Mom	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	News (N)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Impractical Jokers								
10	KOPB	(10) Great British Baking "Botanical"		Travel: Art Wolfe	Steves' Europe	Doc Martin "The Tameness of a Wolf"		Father Brown "The Devil You Know"		Spies of Warsaw		Masterpiece Classic "Mrs. Wilson"									
12	KPTV	(12) (4:30) NASCAR Auto Racing Toyota Owners 400 (L)				*** Hard Eight (96, Susp) Gwyneth Paltrow, Samuel L. Jackson, John C. Reilly.		10 O'Clock News (N)				Hell "Los Toros Mexican Restaurant"									
13	KPDx	(5) (5:00) MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at FC Dallas (L)		Big Bang Theory		8pm Prime News (N)		9pm Prime News (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Pandora's Box"		Saving Hope "Kiss Me Goodbye"									
13	KCPQ	(13) (4:30) NASCAR Auto Racing Toyota Owners 400 (L)				Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	News (N)	Most Wanted	Hell "Los Toros Mexican Restaurant"									
20	TBS	(20) (5:00) *** Man of Steel (13, Action) Amy Adams, Michael Shannon, Henry Cavill.				Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	The Last O.G.								
9	KZJO	(22) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Most Wanted	Bones "The Lady on the List"		Person Interest "Honor Among Thieves"									
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) UFC UFC 236 (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)									
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) NCAA Hockey Division I Tournament (L)				SportsCenter Special		F1 Auto Racing Chinese Grand Prix Qualifying		F1 on the Grid		(05) F1 Auto Race Chinese Grand Prix (L)									
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Game Shakers (N)	CousinLife (N)	Knight Squad (N)	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends	(35) Friends								
32	DISN	(32) Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	*** Adventures in Babysitting (16) Sabrina Carpenter.			(45) Sydney Max	(10) Fast Layne	(35) Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Sydney Max								
34	FAM	(34) (10) *** Ratatouille (2007, Family) Voices of Patton Oswalt, John Ratzenberger, Brad Garrett.	(50) *** The Incredibles (2004, Animated) Voices of Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson, Craig T. Nelson.			(55) *** Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (15) Kaya Scodelario, Dylan O'Brien.						Gremlins (84)									
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(35) *** The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010, Drama) Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Kristen Stewart.	(55) *** Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials (15) Kaya Scodelario, Dylan O'Brien.								(35) FXM Presents									
36	LIFE	(36) I Am Elizabeth Smart (17) Jazmine Campanale, Alana Boden.	Secrets in a Small Town (", Thrill) Kate Drummond, Al Mukadam, Rya Kihlstedt. (P)			Post-game															
38	ROOT	(38) MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Seattle Mariners Site: T-Mobile Park -- Seattle, Wash. (L)				Post-game	MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at FC Dallas														