

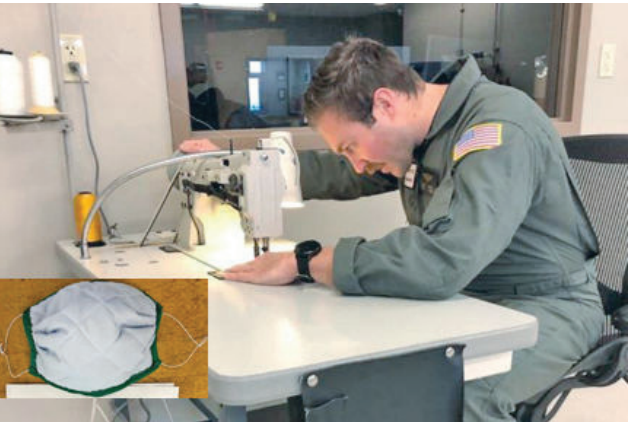
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GIVING BACK



U.S. Coast Guard aviation survival technicians, aka rescue swimmers, go through intense training to become rescue and survival experts. Just a few of the advanced skills they acquire include helicopter rescue, operational fitness, survival, emergency medicine — and sewing.

“The **North Bend** aviation survival technician shop makes and repairs a lot of aviation equipment as part of our regular duties,” said **Chief Petty Officer Roderick Ansley** explained. “We sew and repair air-frame upholstery, gear bags, equipment, flight suit patches. Stuff gets beat-up pretty good in our line of work. We can repair it all.”

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay asked for help procuring and manufacturing personal protective equipment. They even had a pattern for surgical-grade masks, and medical grade material — but who was going to do the sewing?

The 13 active-duty swimmers at Coast Guard Sector North Bend, who work in a round-the-clock rotation, stepped up. In between duties and training, they use their downtime **making masks**. “We broke up the work into teams,” **Petty Officer 2nd Class Chad Morris** said. “If we aren’t flying or doing maintenance, we’re cutting materials, assembling layers, stitching seams, adding elastic. We do as much as we can, and then the other team picks it up there.” He is pictured, courtesy of Coast Guard Sector North Bend.

“This community has always supported the Coast Guard,” he added. “During the partial government shutdown last year, when we saw a lapse in pay, they came out in droves to help us. They were here when we needed them most, and now we have another opportunity to give back.”

THE GOONSOCKS



OK, a little Goonies levity to overcome the disappointment surrounding the cancellation of the 35th anniversary celebration in June:

Princess Hellooo Studios has produced a four-minute version of “**The Goonies**” on YouTube — with sock puppets. Seriously. The silliness begins at tinyurl.com/sockgoon. And yes, of course there is a truffle shuffle moment.

An “entire family participated in the production” of the clip — shot at locations in **Astoria** and **Cannon Beach** used in the original film — which is a “loving, goofy tribute to this great movie.” Pictured, a screenshot of the sockful version of the iconic movie’s ending. Not surprisingly, the credits include “puppet wranglers.”

One viewer asked “Why hasn’t this gone viral?” Good question.

OLLIE AND OLGA



Drop in on **Ollie and Olga**, a pair of nesting ospreys in Independence, who have their own live webcam at bit.ly/OllieOlga. They are pictured in a screenshot.

The pair, who have nested in Independence for over a decade, were originally situated about 100 feet south of this location. Construction of a new hotel meant moving their power pole and home.

The city, the hotel and Pacific Power partnered to give the ospreys a new pole for their nest, and installed the webcam in the process. So why not pay them a visit?

IT’S LIDBERGH, NOT LIDBERG



I am an art dealer, and I have been researching a recently acquired oil by **(Charles) Lidbergh,” Tom Guarrera** wrote in an email. “Thank you for your article on this artist ... (but) please note that you have his last name spelled incorrectly — it is Lidbergh.”

He’s referring to a story that ran in this column in 2018, where the name was spelled Lidberg. Well, he’s right. Three of the four sources for the story spelled it wrong (and one was an art appraiser!), so there you have it.

Lidbergh was born in 1902 in Astoria, but at age 9 was sent to an orphanage in Portland. A high school teacher helped pay his college tuition, and he earned a scholarship to the Fontainebleau School of Fine Arts near Paris.

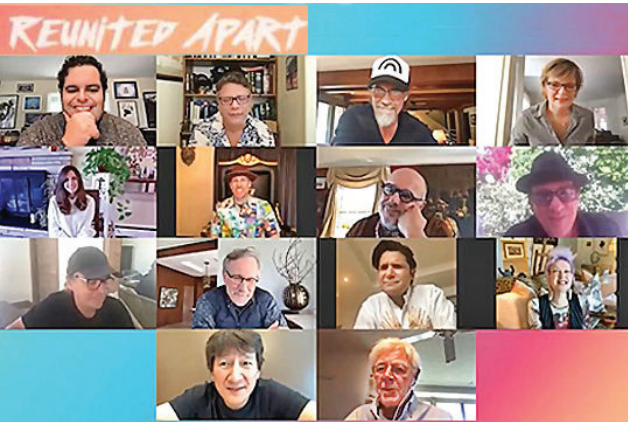
Eventually he wound up in Boston, where he became popular, and received commissions to paint portraits of notables, including two Boston Red Sox baseball players — **Ted Williams** and **Harry Agganis** — whose portraits are at the **Baseball Hall of Fame** in Cooperstown, New York. Lidbergh was also known for his paintings of landscapes and seascapes. He died in 1972 (bit.ly/CLidberg). Some of his work can be seen at bit.ly/Lidberghpix

The native Astorian’s paintings occasionally appear on the market, or attract press attention (as in the story about Boston clothes designer, **Rose Cherubini**, bit.ly/LidberghRose). One appraiser noted Lidbergh’s work usually sells for around \$1,000, but someone got a hell of a deal on the slightly damaged “**Portrait of a Brother and Sister**,” pictured, painted in 1944, and bought it for \$20 in 2011 (bit.ly/Lidbergh20).

An award-winning short story by Lidbergh’s daughter, **Arlene Lidbergh-Jasper**, “**Hall of Fame**” (bit.ly/ALJstory), describes her father’s artistry. After Harry Agganis died in 1955, his mother came to Lidbergh’s studio to view the portrait.

“... She put her arms around the canvas before we could stop her, sobbing, ‘Ari, Ari,’ over and over,” Lidbergh-Jasper wrote. “My father knew at that moment he had captured the likeness of her son. For the next hour, while we tried in vain to wash the oil paint off her clothes with a solution of diluted turpentine, we consoled her. Dad reworked the smudged canvas later.”

‘REUNITED APART’



On Monday, there was an event sure to warm the heart of any Gooniephile, “**The Goonies Are Back!!**” It was episode one of the YouTube series “**Reunited Apart**,” hosted by actor, comedian and singer **Josh Gad**, and a fundraiser for the **Center for Disaster Philanthropy**. In this premiere episode, the cast of the movie reunited for a half-hour of reminiscences, reenacting scenes, belly laughs and good-natured teasing.

Pictured, from top left, **Josh Gad**, **Sean Astin**, **Josh Brolin**, **Martha Plimpton**; second row, **Kerri Green**, **Jeff Cohen**, **Joe Pantoliano** and **Robert Davi**; third row, **Chris Columbus**, **Steven Spielberg**, **Corey Feldman**, **Cyndi Lauper**; bottom, **Ke Huy Quan** and **Richard Donner** (who recently celebrated his 90th birthday).

Often mentioned was Donner being frazzled by dealing with the active, energetic, loud youngsters all day. One visiting star who noticed was **Clint Eastwood**. “Clint came on the set,” Donner recalled, chuckling, “and he watched for about 15 minutes, and came over to me and he said, ‘Did you ever think about going back to acting?’”

And, about that sequel everyone keeps wondering about. Will it ever happen? “Chris (Columbus) and Dick (Donner) and I, and **Lauren (Shuler Donner)**, have had a lot of conversations about it,” Spielberg replied, “and every couple of years we come up with an idea, but then it doesn’t hold water. I mean the problem is the bar that all of you raised on this genre — I don’t think we’ve really successfully been able to find an idea that is better than the Goonies that we all made in the ‘80s. So until we do, people are just going to look at this 100 times.”

And, the eternal question: “What is it about the Goonies that stands the test of time?”

“What can I tell you?” Donner quipped. “If I could give you an answer to that, I’d be as rich as Steven.”

HARVEY’S HEROES



‘Harvey has always loved everything trucks,” his mother, **Lauren Schneider**, wrote. “He loves firetrucks, garbage trucks, tow trucks, excavators. He was a fire truck for Halloween this year.

“When his **third birthday** was coming up, I wanted to do something creative, since I wasn’t going to be able to have family and friends over due to social distancing. My cousin shared a post on Facebook from a fire department on the East Coast mentioning the idea of doing a fire truck drive-by on kids’ birthdays, and so I emailed the **Astoria Fire Department** and asked if they would be open to the idea, although I totally understand if they have more important things to do — like fight fires.

“They loved the idea, and went above and beyond, bringing not one but two fire trucks and a special birthday bag with a really nice fire truck toy in it. Harvey was a little dumbfounded, but loved it. He enjoys watching the video of him with the firetruck and firefighters over and over with a big grin on his face.” Photos are courtesy of the Astoria Fire Department and Lauren Schneider.

“Thank you, Astoria Fire Department, for making Harvey’s day so unbelievably special,” Lauren added. “You guys are his heroes. Such a memorable birthday!”

SPLENDID SCAVENGERS



A heartfelt homage to gulls from the **April 30, 1885 Addition of The Daily Morning Astorian**:

- There is an ordinance, and a wise one, on the statute books of the city that makes it a misdemeanor to shoot a gull within the city limits, but below the city (there is) the sound of constant fusillade whenever a gull shows its head. The result is few gulls, and as these birds are splendid scavengers, it is bad for the city.

In the interests of the noses of our readers and the cleanliness of the beach, now that the days of salmon heads are approaching, it’s suggested that those who shoot gulls let up on them.

A gull is no earthly use when dead, and living, it saves paying out money to men to keep the beach clean, so on the grounds of utility and economy it would be better to kill stumps or stray hogs, or bark trees, than to wound the poor little gulls that outside the city limits are unprotected.

‘WE SEE YOU’



OPERATION HELPING HEROES

Sheryl Teuscher & Country Financial would like to say

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to First Responders and Hospital Staff on Wednesday April 15, 2020

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Oregon Locations

Astoria – Kick Ass Coffee – 345 W Marine Dr.
Rainier – B Street Coffee – 319 W B Street
St. Helens – Fresh Start Espresso – 645 N Columbia River Hwy
Scappoose – Kandi’s Coffee Shop – 32571 Juniper Way

Washington Locations

West Longview – Mr. Bill’s – two locations
1801 Pioneer Way
1501 Ocean Beach Hwy

East Longview/Katso – Espresso Express – 745 Ocean Beach Hwy

‘To show support for a local small businesses, and to appreciate our hardworking health care workers and first responders on the front lines of our coronavirus battle,” **Ali Livolsi** wrote, “**Sheryl Teuscher** (pictured), a **Country Financial representative**, opened a tab at **Kick Ass Koffee** in Astoria.”

The coffee handout happened on April 15, and Teuscher opened tabs at coffee shops in several other locations, too — one each in Rainier, St. Helens and Scappoose, and three locations in Longview, Washington, as well.

To pull this off, “Teuscher leveraged a grant from Country Financial called **Operation Helping Heroes** to make the donation,” Livolsi explained.

“Police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and health care workers — we see you,” Teuscher posted on Facebook. “From the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you for being on the front lines during these challenging times.”