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JUST BEACHY



The TV was on for background noise the other day, when something caught the Ear's attention. It was a lilting melody with a foot-thumping beat, and a catchy tune, and the music sounded so familiar. Actually, it was a **Corona Extra** "Find Your Beach" ad. Finally, the proverbial inter-cranial light bulb went off, and in a flash of recognition, the Ear thought, "That sounds just like **Israel Nebeker** and **Blind Pilot!**" Could it be?

Yup, it could. And is. The lyric is a snippet from their song "**We Are the Tide**" from their 2011 album of the same name, and the ad is all over the place. According to ispot.tv, there are two versions of the ad, and as of Sept. 5, it's had 7,301 national airings (tinyurl.com/beachpilot). The group is pictured in a photo from their Facebook page.

Want to hear the whole song? You can hear a rousing version at tinyurl.com/beachpilot1, filmed at the Lollapalooza festival in 2012. Or, you can hear Blind Pilot's new album, "**And Then Like Lions**" on Spotify (you'll need to sign in) at tinyurl.com/pilot-spot

All the Ear knows is — even though the song is actually about riding on a city bus — when that commercial comes on, and Blind Pilot starts playing, you'll want to kick off your shoes and go running on the beach. (*In One Ear*, 9/9/2016)

PAINTED LADY



In 2012, the Ear reported that the **Alderbrook Station** net shed, got a brand-new roof. Built in 1903, and once part of the **Union Fishermen's Co-Operative Packing Co.**, it is owned by architects **Lisa Chadbourne** and **Daren Doss**, and is pictured, courtesy of chadbourne-doss.com

"(The roof) was quite leaky," Daren told the Ear at the time. Fortunately, Alderbrook Station is on the National Register of Historic Places, and was therefore eligible for an Oregon State Historic Preservation Office Preserving Oregon Grant to help with the expenses.

But the building's revival hasn't stopped with a new roof. According to the Alderbrook Station Facebook page, in May, 36 single-hung six-over-six single-pane historic wood sashes were installed. But that's not all — recently, the west side of the building received its first coat of spiffy red paint in 70 years.

The ongoing preservation efforts on this historic landmark are enough to make even the crankiest curmudgeon crack a smile of appreciation. As one commenter noted, "What a gift to us all!" Indeed, it is. (*In One Ear*, 9/11/2015)

CUPOLA MAKEOVER



Lucien Swerdloff and his Clatsop Community College Historic Preservation students have once again worked their magic at the **Knappton Cove Heritage Center**.

"**Joe Cain** and **Jon Simmons** were instrumental in restoring the cupola (used for ventilation) that sat atop the old water tower tank that served the historic U.S. quarantine station at Knappton Cove," **Nancy Anderson** wrote. "Water was an important part in the functioning of the station — lots of laundry, as well as numerous showers for the immigrants and crew members arriving at the Port of Astoria from 1899 to 1938." Especially for showers, no doubt, after long voyages in crowded sailing ships.

The cupola now has a place of honor in the center's **Artifact Alley**. (*In One Ear*, 9/7/2018)



GOOD NEIGHBORS, GOOD DEEDS

Robert Beckwith of Brownsmead took his sailboat out on her maiden voyage on Sunday, Aug. 25, but by that evening he was in trouble. At 12:02 a.m., he posted on Facebook that he was hard aground on a sandbar in the Columbia River at almost a 45 degree angle. There was nothing he could do but settle in and wait for the tide to rise.

The next morning, **Bob "Pudgy" Hunt** (former star basketball player and Oregon Hall of Fame member) and his wife, **Connie** (pictured), of Svensen, spotted the stranded boat, and Pudgy went out on his Jet Ski to check and make sure whoever was aboard was OK — but he didn't see anyone, so he went back home.

Connie played detective, and started posting on Facebook, trying to track down the owner of the boat. That worked; someone saw Robert's post mentioning he was high and dry, and passed the information on to Connie, who contacted him. That's how she found out he was actually still aboard the listing boat, "huddled down below with his dog."

"I asked him if he needed water and supplies, and he said 'yes,'" Connie recalled, "so I loaded up water and some pasta salad ... Pudgy drove the Jet Ski and I rode shotgun with supplies." Needless to say, the stranded sailor was very grateful to have such good neighbors come to the rescue.

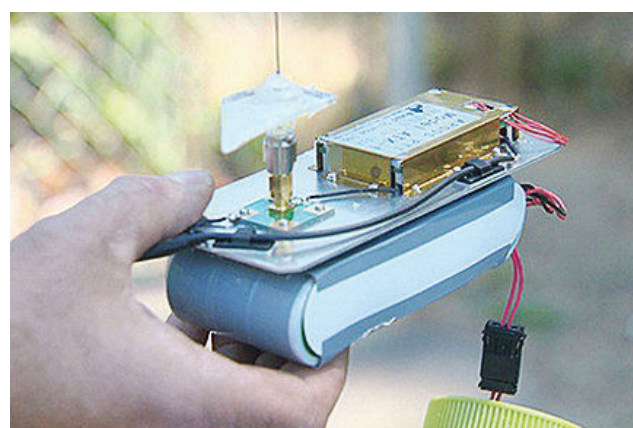
Someone on Facebook called the U.S. Coast Guard, which sent out a helicopter to check out the situation ... but since the wayward sailor was clearly OK, there wasn't much to be done except wait for high tide so the boat could be freed.

Robert and his dog left the sailboat on Tuesday, Connie reported, and the boat was finally towed home on Friday by yet another good neighbor.

"Great adventure!" Connie noted of Jet Ski food delivery to the sailor in distress. "Love where I live!"

"Pudgy is now answering his phone, 'Hunt Search and Rescue,'" she joked in a recent Facebook update. "Happy to be of assistance." (*In One Ear*, 9/5/2019)

TRACKING THE TRACKER



While hiking on the northwest coast of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, in June, a man found a peculiar-looking object on the beach, the **Campbell River Mirror** reported. He tossed it into the back of his truck, and took it home.

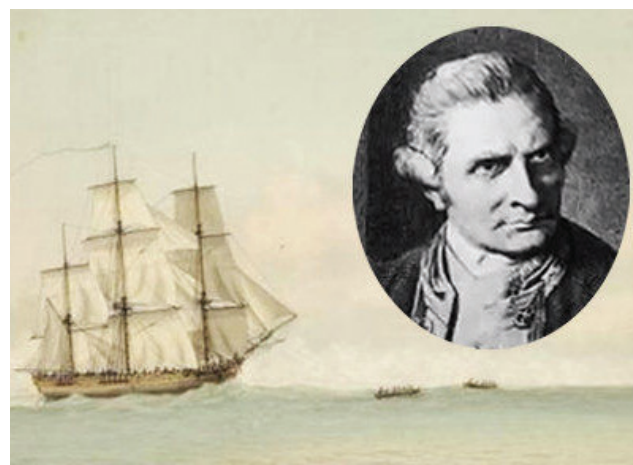
What the man didn't know was that it was a **tsunami debris tracking device** that was still emitting signals every 90 seconds. Researchers monitoring the transponder, which was one of 12 devices placed in the Pacific in January 2012, were utterly baffled when it appeared to be moving inland.

Then the signal stopped. The unit's signal pinpointed the last known location of the device within a 1,600-foot radius, and the search began. Agencies were alerted, and press releases went out, but it was **Gord Kurbis**, a news reporter, who went out and conducted a door-to-door neighborhood search.

He did, indeed, find the "citizen scientist" who had picked up the transponder. It is pictured, courtesy of Gord Kurbis/CTV News. The man had kept the device for a couple of days before opening it (thereby cutting off the signal), then went out of town for work, not realizing the device was being frantically sought.

Anyway, all's well that ends well, and the transponder is headed home. (*In One Ear*, 9/11/2015)

DISCOVERING ENDEAVOUR



For maritime history buffs: Back to the subject of British navigator/explorer **Capt. James Cook** (pictured inset) ... did you know a story on CNN.com says that in May they found the wreckage of the actual **HMS Endeavour** — often considered one of the most famous ships in nautical history — in **Newport Harbor**, off the coast of Rhode Island (tinyurl.com/cookboat)?

For those whose naval history is a little shaky, Cook, while commander of the Endeavour (1768 to 1771), made the first landing on the east coast of Australia. He circumnavigated New Zealand to boot, and was also famous for his accurate maps of the Pacific Ocean.

After all of her adventures with Cook, the Endeavour was bought by a private owner, renamed the **Lord Sandwich**, and wound up taking part in the **American Revolutionary War**, albeit in not the way one would expect. The ship, along with 12 others, was scuttled by the British in shallow water in Newport Harbor to create a blockade during the 1778 Battle of Rhode Island.

Although the ships have been known to be there for some time, it was only recently that the Rhode Island Marine Archeology Project managed to positively identify the Endeavor/Sandwich. (*In One Ear*, 9/9/2016)

NEWSY NOTES



Local and world news tidbits from **The Daily Morning Astorian**, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1884:

- **Stonewall Jackson's** war horse, a sorrel gelding, once fiery but now with less oxygen in his windpipe, is cared for at the Virginia Military Institute. ... The other day a lock of his mane was presented to the Tennessee Historical Society.

- In Japan, where cremation is regularly practiced, it is said the most expensive form costs \$7 (about \$168 now).

- **Sheriff's Sale**, Tuesday, Sept. 9: Under instructions from **W. G. Ross**, sheriff of Clatsop County, I will sell at public auction, at the **Point Adams Packing Co.'s** cannery, in Upper Astoria: ... 300 feet of lumber; 8 cords of wood; 3,000 labels ... 16 oars ... **B. S. Worsley**, auctioneer.

Note: On Sept. 26, the business sold for \$11,000 (about \$267,000 now) to **Geo. W. Hume**, who with his brothers, are said to have brought the cannery business to the Columbia River (on the Washington side) about 20 years earlier (tinyurl.com/HumeBros). Then in 1885, **G.H. George** and **W.H. Barker** bought the Point Adams Packing Company and ran it as "George & Barker" (tinyurl.com/GeoBar).

- The gallows during the present year has filled more graves than in any previous year in the history of the U.S.

- The U.S. has 143,940 miles of telegraph completed, while the whole world has 550,000 miles.

- Seventy-nine fires have been caused in New York City during 12 years by rats and mice nibbling matches. (*In One Ear*, 9/8/2017)

TOP OF THE WORLD



The Navy Times reports that the U.S. Coast Guard **cutter Healy**, with its Seattle-based crew and scientists aboard, arrived at latitude 90 degrees north on Saturday, making it the **first U.S. surface ship** to arrive at the **North Pole** unaccompanied (tinyurl.com/healypole). The vessel and its crew are pictured, courtesy of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Healy — which is 420 feet long, weighs 16,000 tons, has 30,000 horsepower, and can break more than 10 feet of ice at a time — is an oceanic research vessel on an expedition to measure "air, ice, snow, seawater, meltwater and ocean bottom sediment baselines" for the pole area. Why? The Coast Guard plans to increase its presence there as more passages open up for fishing, shipping and oil exploration in the Arctic Ocean. (*In One Ear*, 9/11/2015)