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A manic menagerie onstage

The Coaster Theatre Playhouse brings the manic menagerie of backstage madness in Michael Frayn's "Noises Off" to the stage this spring. This ingenious farce follows a troupe of second rate actors through final dress, backstage drama all the way through closing night of the play within a play, "Nothing On."

This farce about putting on a farce, provides comedic insight in the onstage and backstage challenges of opening a show involving highly improbable events, misunderstandings and mistaken identities. When we meet the cast and crew of "Nothing On," it's the night before opening and the actors struggle with entrances, exits and getting props in their right place at the right time. As tensions mount the actors leave the audience wondering. Will they get it right before opening night? As the play progresses dysfunctional relationships are starting to take their toll on the production all the way to closing night when they are barely holding it together.

The onstage madness is directed by Mick Alderman and features an ensemble cast of Coaster Theatre veterans and fresh faces including Cathey Ryan (Dotty Otle), David Ridley (Lloyd Dallas), Daric



Katrina Godderz, Thomas Ryan and Ann Bronson in "Noises Off."

Moore (Garry Lejeune), Katherine Lacaze (Brooke Ashton), Katrina Godderz (Poppy Norton-Taylor), William Ham (Frederick Fellows), Ann Bronson (Belinda Blair), Richard Bowman (Tim Allgood), Thomas Ryan (Selsdon Mowbray). Tickets can be purchased at coaster-

theatre.com, at the theater box office or by calling 503-436-1242. Performances run through April 21. Sunday shows start at 3 p.m. Tickets, \$20 or \$25. The Coaster Theatre Playhouse is located at 108 N. Hemlock; coastertheatre.com; 503-436-1242.

'Staties' TV pilot films in Manzanita

Crime tales in an eccentric coastal town

By Brenna Visser
Cannon Beach Gazette

MANZANITA — There was a little more police action than usual in Manzanita this week.

But don't worry, there is no crime wave coming through town. Just a TV pilot about Oregon state troopers.

Camera crews from ABC Studios were filming the pilot episode for a new show called "Staties."

Written by Matt Partney and Corey Evett, known for shows like "CSI Miami" and "Teen Wolf," "Staties" centers on Eliza Cortez, played by Annie Ilonzeh, a hard-charging New York police detective who is banished to an "eccentric town of quirky character in coastal Oregon" after a high-profile mistake.

She is paired with a new partner, Oregon trooper Sam King, played by actor Andy Karl, who exhibits peculiar investigative techniques like "talking to trees for clues and his obsession with flying kites," according to a press release.

For most of March 13 and March 14, sections of Ocean and Laneda avenues were closed, filled with camera crews and equipment. For North Coast locals, some landmarks like the Pine Grove Community House, which was converted into "Sand Pine Bank" for filming, and Neahkahnie Mountain will be noticeable if the show is chosen for a full season run, visitor center coordinator Dan Haag said.

There may be some familiar faces, too, as many of the extras are Manzanita locals.

"There was a car chase filmed down Ocean Avenue.



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A production crew sets up equipment outside a location in Manzanita.

I think some will recognize Neahkahnie Mountain in the background as they fly by," Haag said.

While there have been some complaints about how filming has impeded business and traffic, Haag said the community for the most part has had a positive experience being a backdrop for a TV show.

"My main concern was with Laneda Avenue being closed, as it is the heart of our business district. We don't know what kind of effect this filming has had on business — I hope not adverse at all," Haag said. "But so far everyone on the crew has been very polite and helpful and accommodating."

From the sidewalk, residents Cheryl Walker and Emilee Andrade peered through the scaffolding as the crew filmed a bank robbery scene in the faux "Sand Pine Bank."

Walker said having a TV crew in sleepy Manzanita has been an exciting experience.

"Sure, there's been some negative comments about 'Hollywood coming to town,'" she said. "But I think it's been a positive experience. It's fascinating to watch, and pretty unusual for a town like ours. When you watch a TV show at home, you have no idea how much goes into it."

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