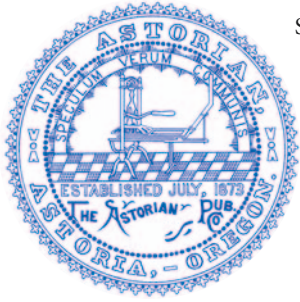


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## Water under the bridge



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 From the pages of Astoria's daily newspapers

### 10 years ago this week — 2005

The Big One didn't hit Tuesday night. But while no waves touched the North Coast, the California earthquake — and the subsequent tsunami warnings touched many lives. "It was insane," said Seaside Police Communications Manager Lynn Smith, whose phones were jammed with callers. The 7.0-magnitude quake struck at about 7:50 p.m., about 90 miles southwest of the coastal community of Crescent City, Calif., and 300 miles northwest of San Francisco, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Law enforcement leaders have known for years that Astoria-based Senior Trooper Jim Pierce was one of the best.

Now they have rewarded him.

In a ceremony Saturday at the Evergreen Air Museum in McMinnville, Pierce received the Gerry Frank Employee of the Year Award from Oregon State Police Superintendent Ronald C. Ruecker.

The postmortem from Tuesday night's tsunami warning has zeroed in on one key issue.

What went wrong with the radio broadcasts?

Coastal communities went on alert after an earthquake off the Californian coast, which sparked some evacuations of beaches. However, there were reports of families still out along the shore in Long Beach, Wash., and nearby Fort Canby during the period of the warnings, which were canceled after more than an hour when geologists realized the quake wasn't the kind that triggers a tsunami.

The latest evidence suggests that many local radio stations didn't broadcast a tsunami warning Tuesday night. One exception was KCYS (98.1 FM), which did run a warning, getting its information from a U.S. Geological Service online program.

### 50 years ago — 1965

The Russian fishermen are back along our coast again, this time with a fleet of boats rather than just one. Apparently they may make a serious effort to fish for bottom fish in North American coastal waters.

This creates a real problem for domestic fishermen, far more difficult to deal with than the problem created by Japanese high seas salmon fishing.

We have no regulatory treaty with Russia, as we do with Japan. We can make no claim that the bottom fish spawn in our streams, giving us proprietary interest in them. We have no trade with Russia, enabling retaliatory boycott action as fishermen are proposing against Japan.

The Russians are fishing on the high seas, beyond the three mile limit, and if they go in there and clean out the bottom fishing banks completely there is nothing legal we can do about it.

Perhaps our State Department could exert more than its usual dim interest in the plight of domestic fishermen, and urge the Russians to restrain their fishermen for fear of retaliatory action.

Wednesday's issue of The Daily Astorian had a considerable quota of news about new developments that show the Astoria area is forging ahead.

There was a story about two local men launching a 40-home housing development at Knappa within short range of the new Crown-Zellerbach \$90 million Wauna project; about a new \$200,000 motel for downtown Astoria, and a \$300,000 nursing home in the West End.

All this new construction activity is on top of the Coast Guard's \$400,000 new air station at Clatsop airport.

All these stories are indications that the Astoria area is growing and that there are people who expect it to continue to grow.

### 75 years ago — 1940

The Astoria Sea Scout ship Flying Cloud was the winner in the Portland area council regatta Sunday at Portland.

The local ship ran a point tie with the Ranger of Portland, but was conceded first place because of its three firsts to none for the Ranger.

President Roosevelt predicted today that some form of universal government service on a compulsory basis will be proposed shortly for all American young men and women of all classes.

Artillerymen of the Oregon National Guard today completed target practice at Fort Stevens after a "home-made" smoke screen Tuesday silenced the ten-inch rifles of Battery Russell while the Klamath Falls gunners were engaged in hurling 550-pound projectiles at a raft well off Clatsop spit.

A brush fire, started by the scorching hot breath of the big guns, swept over a half an acre to the west and south of Battery Russell Tuesday, setting up such a quantity of smoke that target practice had to be suspended because the raft could not be seen at all.

The old police docket book that has resided at the desk of the police department for the last 14 years, is at last full. The first entry was September 1, 1926. Written in the fine script of an earlier desk officer, the first page of the book had 38 entries, of which 26 were charges of drunkenness. That is in contrast with the last page of the book which was finished yesterday. There are seldom more than one or two charge of drunkenness of the last pages, most of the items being traffic violations.

Charles Murphey was chief of police when the old book was written. He was replaced by Chief John Acton, who took office on May 1, 1929, and has been in office since.

Anti-aircraft guns at Fort Stevens will open fire tonight after dark on a plane-size target, towed over the sea west of the post, by an army observation plane which will fly without running lights.

# Trojan horse burns! Live! Onstage!

ASTORIA FRIEND says that if the best player of any sport or game is in town, you should go.

Most recently, my friend went to a tavern in Southeast Portland to see the world's best pinball player, whose parents accompanied him because he's a teenager. On another occasion, he watched the world's best squash player during a Portland match.

My wife and I have chanced into a number of opera world premieres, most recently last weekend in San Francisco. *Two Women* is most familiarly known as a movie for which Sophia Loren won an Oscar. It's from that plot, based on a novel, that San Francisco commissioned a new work.

It became the first Italian opera of the traditional style to premiere in America since 1910.

Marco Tutino's new work is compelling, and not just for the dramatic story of two imperiled women during the Nazi occupation of Italy. Tutino is rare among modern composers for two things: his ability to write melody and his mastery of orchestration. He offers a full meal. While *The New York Times* critic dismissed Tutino's score, the San Francisco audience responded with cheers.

The story captures the chilling essence of the Nazi culture of informing on your neighbors and how that demeaned everyone. Seeing a Nazi officer portrayed onstage is a new thing for opera. During the curtain calls, that singer drew boos for his role and bravos for his booming voice.

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CIRCUS — SPECTACLE — IS part of opera's appeal.

Troy falls! — Live! Onstage!

That was the headline I would give a production of Hector Berlioz's *Les Troyens* (The Trojans), which SF Opera performed. At five hours, this work is seldom mounted.

In this production, the Trojan horse loomed high above the performers and it moved. Then it burned. There was so much fire onstage that a San Francisco fire

'The time has come,' the Walrus said,  
'To talk of many things;  
Of shoes — and ships — and sealing wax —  
Of cabbages — and kings —'

Through the Looking-glass



## of Cabbages and Kings



Photo courtesy of the San Francisco Opera

A Trojan horse animates the opera.

### As a bitter comment on the unending cycle of war and vengeance, 'The Trojans' excels.

marshal was on the scene as a first responder.

As a comment on the unending cycle of war and vengeance, *Les Troyens* excels.

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AFTER SEEING A FIVE-hour bottom crusher and the unpredictability of a brand new work, by Sunday I was ready for what Astoria's Dave Bennett calls his daily dose of Mozart. The familiar tunes of *The Marriage of Figaro* were enormously welcome.

—S.A.F.



# Democratic Tea Party policy

By DAVID BROOKS  
*New York Times News Service*

Last week, the Congressional Democrats defeated the underpinnings of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement.

Let's count up the things these Democrats will have done if this policy stands.

- Impoverish the world's poor. There's an argument over what trade agreements do to workers in the nation's rich countries, but there is no question they have a positive impact on people in the poorer ones.

The North American Free Trade Agreement, for example, probably didn't affect the American economy too much. But the Mexican economy has taken off. With more opportunities, Mexican workers feel less need to sneak into the U.S. As Fareed Zakaria has pointed out, a regime that was anti-American has turned into one that is pro-American.

In Asia, the American-led open trade era has created the greatest reduction in poverty in human history. The Pacific trade deal would lift the living standards of the poorest Asians, especially the 90 million people of Vietnam.

As Tyler Cowen, an economist at George Mason University, wrote in his *Marginal Revolution* blog: "Do you get that progressives? Poorest country = biggest gainer. Isn't that what we are looking for?"

- Damage the American economy. According to a survey by the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, 83 percent of the nation's leading economists believe that trade deals have been good for most Americans. That's not quite the level of consensus on man-

made global warming, but it is close.

That's because free trade is not a zero-sum game. The global poor benefit the most, but most people in rich countries benefit, too. As Jason Furman, the chairman of President Barack Obama's Council of Economic Advisers, pointed out in a speech at the Brookings Institution, since World War II, reductions in U.S. tariffs have contributed an additional 7.3 percent to American incomes.

Trade treaties have led to significant growth in American manufacturing exports. According to Furman, export-intensive industries pay workers up to 18 percent more than nonexport-intensive ones. Rising imports also give American consumers access to a wider range of inexpensive products, leading to huge standard of living increases for those down the income scale. The authoritative study on Pacific trade deal, by Peter Petri, Michael Plummer and Fan Zhai, suggests it would raise U.S. incomes by 0.4 percent per year by 2025.

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deals. And that's true. Most manufacturing job losses have been caused by technological improvements.

But those manufacturing jobs aren't coming back. The best way forward is to increase the number of high-quality jobs in the service sector. The Pacific trade deal would help. The treaty is not mostly about reducing tariffs on goods. That work has mostly been done. It's mostly about establishing rules for a postindustrial global economy, rules having to do with intellectual property, investment, antitrust and environmental protection.



David Brooks

Service-sector industries like these are where America is strongest, where the opportunities for innovation are the most exciting and where wages are already 20 percent higher than in manufacturing.

- Imperil world peace.

The Pacific region will either be organized by American rules or Chinese rules. By voting against the trade deal, Democrats went a long way toward guaranteeing that Chinese rules will dominate.

As various people have noted, the Democratic vote last week was a miniversion of the effort to destroy the League of Nations after World War I. It damaged an institution that might head off future conflict.

The arguments Democrats use against the deal are small and inadequate. Some Democrats are suspicious because it was negotiated in secret. (They seem to have no trouble with the Iranian nuclear treaty, which is also negotiated in secret).

Others worry that the treaty would allow corporations to sue governments. But these procedures are already in place, and as research from the Center for Strategic and International Studies has demonstrated, the concerns are vastly overblown. They mostly protect companies from authoritarian governments who seek to expropriate their property.

In reality, the opposition to the trade pact is part of a long tradition of populist reaction. When economic stress rises, there is a strong temptation to pull inward. The Republican Tea Partiers are suspicious of all global diplomatic arrangements. The Democrats' version of the Tea Partiers are suspicious of all global economic arrangements.

It would be nice if Hillary Clinton emerged and defended the treaty, which she helped organize.

Rejecting the Trans-Pacific Partnership will hurt economies from the U.S. to Japan to Vietnam. It will send yet another signal that America can no longer be counted on as the world's leading nation.