

Rail: Last freight train visited Port's central waterfront in 2003

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But by most accounts, Astoria is no longer a destination for regular freight or passenger rail service.

Regular passenger trains to Astoria had ended by the 1950s. Bob Melbo, the state rail planner and president of Portland & Western until 2001, said sporadic cargo rail service to Astoria ended in 1995. He said Astoria Plywood Mill was the last major freight rail customer in Astoria. A three-car freight train from Portland & Western carrying undersea fiber optic cables in 2003 was the last to travel to the Port's central waterfront.

"Typically, railroads thrive on volume," Melbo said, adding there would need to be a significant volume of rail cars to justify fixing up the rails through Astoria to freight capacity.

Like Port Executive Director Jim Knight, Melbo said it's more likely freight rail would come back to North Tongue Point. The former U.S. Navy base and industrial dock has been under continual speculation as a marine terminal, because of its access to both a derelict rail spur from the Portland & Western Railroad and a channel of the Columbia River.

Repairing the rail between Wauna and Tongue point has been estimated at \$1 million a mile. Rece Bly, a retired attorney and entrepreneur, is the most recent party to offer his vision of Tongue Point. Bly said there would need to be about 5,000 rail cars of cargo a year to Tongue Point to justify



A 1972 aerial photo shows the multiple rail spurs that used to line the Port of Astoria's docks. The last regular freight service to Astoria was more than 20 years ago, but the Port of Astoria wants to the city to maintain rail access just in case freight returns.

tify repairing the rails. Melbo said a previous interstate commerce commission estimated the need for 9,300 cars a year to make freight service to Tongue Point feasible.

The minimum

The state Department of Transportation recently warned the city that bridge ends between Sixth and 11th streets could have to close to both vehicular traffic and the trolley unless repairs were made immediately. The situation was similar to that faced

by the Port, which closed portions of Pier 2's docks after state inspectors limited them to 3 tons, essentially barring delivery trucks but allowing passenger traffic.

The Astoria City Council declared an emergency and approved of \$206,000 in emergency repairs in August. Bergerson Construction Co. is now working its way down the street ends, reinforcing the bridges.

"The repairs that are being done right now are being done just to maintain the 3-ton road

limit," said Cindy Moore, the city's support engineer.

Moore said the city is trying to do only the minimum amount of maintenance in advance of a \$12 million project to replace those street-end bridges starting next fall and continuing over the next few years.

"After that project, then we will have bridges that are to highway standards," she said.

She estimated it would take the city an additional \$950,000 to bring the bridge ends up to



The city of Astoria acquired the right-of-way to a former Burlington Northern Santa Fe LLC rail corridor in 1996 through a railbanking agreement to preserve historic tracks.



The city of Astoria is repairing the street-end bridges in downtown to accommodate cars, trucks and the Astoria Riverfront Trolley. The Port of Astoria Commission would like the tracks kept ready for freight service, as well.

rail standards.

"We did present that to ODOT," she said. "They have denied us the funding to build it to full freight standards."

But Moore said the new

bridge ends in downtown will leave space underneath to expand the substructure and expand the capacity of the rails, if Portland & Western were to make such an investment.

Vandals: \$1,600 worth of equipment stolen from Astoria Recreation Center

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"It makes me sad," Warr said, adding that he believes it took a few people to tip the headstones. "I can understand. I was young and maybe a little wild at one time and did some reckless things, never anything like that."

Astoria has struggled with maintenance at Ocean View. Families with loved ones buried there have frequently complained to the city about the cemetery's condition.

The parks department has difficulty maintain-

ing city parks and has been under pressure to prioritize services.

On Tuesday, Cosby said, the city found a break-in at the Astoria Recreation Center and the theft of \$1,600 worth of equipment used for the CHIP in parks cleanup program.

"I would just like to remind people that this is your tax dollars you're working with when you cause damage like this," Cosby said. "You're really only stealing from yourself."

"And you're hurting an organization that's already spread so thin."

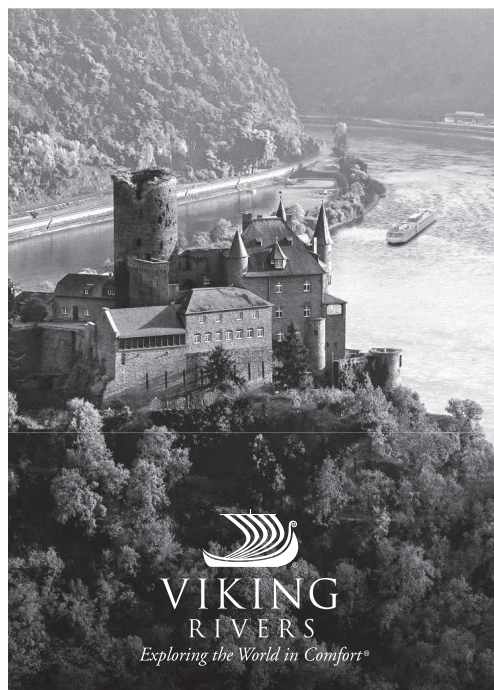
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THURSDAY EVENING												OCTOBER 20	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's Anatomy "Both Sides Now" (N)	Notorious "Missing" (N)	Notorious "Missing" (N)	With Murder "It's About Frank" (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News	KING 5 News	Jeopardy!	Jeopardy!	Grey's Anatomy "Both Sides Now" (N)	Notorious "Missing" (N)	Chicago Med "Extreme Measures" (N)	Blacklist "The Lindquist Concern" (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Chicago Med "Extreme Measures" (N)	Blacklist "The Lindquist Concern" (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show		
5	KOIN	(6) (5:25) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers (L)				(15) Game On! With Stan Brock	Extra	Ent. Tonight	KOIN 6 News	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert		
6	KIRO	(7) (5:25) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Green Bay Packers (L)				(15) KIRO 7 Post Game Show (L)	KIRO 7 News		Steve Raible's Scouting Report (L)	KIRO News @ 10	(35) S. Colbert		
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Chicago Med "Extreme Measures" (N)	Blacklist "The Lindquist Concern" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	(35) Tonight Show	
8	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N)	Supernatural "Mamma Mia" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KOPB	(10) Travels Darley	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Shetland	Scott & Bailey "Lost Loyalty"	Masterpiece "The Durrells in Corfu"			
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Rocky Horror Picture Janet and Brad stumble upon Dr. Frank-N-Furter's abode. (N)		10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls			
11	KPDZ	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show		
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rocky Horror Picture Janet and Brad stumble upon Dr. Frank-N-Furter's abode. (N)		Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	The Simpsons			
13	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan			
14	KZJZ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends		
15	ESPN	(29) (4:00) NCAA Football Mia/Vir.T (L)	Football Standng	NCAA Football BYU at Boise State Site: Albertsons Stadium -- Boise, Idaho (L)				Boise, Idaho (L)		SportsCenter	SportsCenter		
16	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) WNBA Basketball Playoffs Los Angeles vs Minnesota (L)	SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.				Baseball Tonight	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	30 for 30 "Phil Slaton's Journey" (N)			To Be Announced
17	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Game Shakers	Revenge at Tech Fest	★★ Open Season (06) Martin Lawrence.		Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends		
18	DISN	(32) Walk the Prank	Walk the Prank	Toy Story	Ghost Patrol	Elena of Avalor	Stuck in Middle	Girl M. "Girl Meets World of Terror 3"	Babysit! Vampire	American Dad	Cleveland Show		Austin & Ally
19	FAM	(34) (4:35) Hocus Pocus	(40) ★★★ The Addams Family	(91) Raul Julia, Christopher Lloyd, Anjelica Huston.	(50) ★★ Addams Family Values (1993, Comedy) Raul Julia, Christopher Lloyd, Anjelica Huston.					The 700 Club			
20	FMC	(35) (5:00) Immortals ('11, Act) Henry Cavill.	(10) ★★★ Immortals (2011, Action) Mickey Rourke, John Hurt, Henry Cavill.			(25) FXM Presents	★★ Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (2010, Drama) Shia LaBeouf, Carey Mulligan, Michael Douglas.						
21	ROO	(36) Runway "Blacklight or Daylight?"	Project Runway "Sink or Swim"	Runway "There's No 'I' in 'Team'" (N)	Project Runway "This IS Crying in Fashion" (N)					Project Runway: Fashion Startup (N)	Tiny House (N)		
22	LIFE	(38) (5:30) NFL Football Los Angeles Reign vs. San Francisco Fire	AMA Supercross -- San Diego, Calif.							NCAA Football Montana State vs. Weber State			
23	FST	(39) (4:30) To Be Announced											
24	SPIKE	(43) (5:30) ★★★ X-Men (2000, Sci-Fi) Famke Janssen, Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman.	★★★ X2: X-Men United (2003, Sci-Fi) Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart.										X-Men Origins: Wolverine
25	COM	(44) (5:55) Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Key & Peele The guys take on America's revered athletic activities. (N)					The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)
26	HIS	(45) Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars 1/2	Counting Cars 2/2	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars (N)	Counting Cars (N)	(05) Counting Cars	(35) Counting Cars	(05) Counting Cars	(35) Counting Cars
27	A&E	(46) First 48 "House of Pain/ Into the Night"	The First 48			60 Days In	(45) 60 Days In	60 Days In "Trouble in Store" (N)	Behind Bar "The Ones That Make It" (N)	The First 48 "Red Brick/ Last Kiss"			
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Nikki's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story" Melissa begins her seven-year weight loss journey.			My 600-lb Life "Melissa and Ashley"	My 600-lb Life "Melissa's Story"				
29	DISC	(48) Fast N' Loud "The Pickup Artist"	Fast N' Loud "Pickup the Pieces"			Fast N' Loud "Camaro Rising"		Misfit "Klump and the Camino" (N)	To Be Announced	Misfit Garage			
30	NGEO	(49) Animal Fight Night "Beach Brawl"	Mission Pluto			Exomars: The Hunt for Life		Animal Fight Night	Animal Fight "Savanna Smackdown"	Animal Fight Night "Brutal Brawls"			
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) Rush Hour 2 ('01) Jackie Chan.	★★★ Rush Hour 2 (2001, Action) Chris Tucker, Zhang Ziyi, Jackie Chan.					Arrow "Blind Spot"	Bones "The Donor in the Drink"	Bones "The Carpals in the Coy-Wolves"			
32	AMC	(51) Dead "30 Days Without an Accident"	The Walking Dead "Infected"	The Walking Dead "Isolation"	The Walking Dead "Infection"			The Walking Dead "Indifference"	The Walking Dead "Internment"	The Walking Dead "Live Bait"			
33	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Transitions"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Lead"			Law&Order: SVU "Melancholy Pursuit"		Law&Order: SVU "Depravity Standard"	Water "Calling the Vasty Deep" (N)	(05) Eyewitness "Buffalo '07"			
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Salt Pearls of Wisdom"	Chopped "There Will Be Bloody Marys"			Chopped "Web Stars"		Chopped (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
35	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Desert Flippers	Flip or Flop
36	FX	(56) (5:30) ★★ World War Z (2013, Action) Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, Brad Pitt.	★★ Neighbors (2014, Comedy) Zac Efron, Rose Byrne, Seth Rogen.							Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things	Neighbors ('14)
37	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
38	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity			The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	On the Record			
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Millionaire Inventor "Toy Tycoons" (N)			Shark Tank		Shark Tank	Millionaire Inventor "Toy Tycoons"	Paid Program	Paid Program		
40	BRVA	(63) Below Deck	Million Listing "The War of Real Estate"	Million Dollar List "Bye, Felicia"		Million Listing "Fuschia My Life!" (N)		Million Listing "Fuschia My Life!" (N)	Million Dollar List "Fuschia My Life!"	WatchWhat (N)	Below Deck		
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) Bright Eyes	★★★ The Great White Hope ('70) Jane Alexander, Lou Gilbert, James Earl Jones.	★★★ Women in Love (1969, Drama) Jenny Linden, Oliver Reed, Glenda Jackson.						Hellcats of the Navy Ronald Reagan.			
42	SYFY	(65) (5:00) The Faculty Jordana Brewster.	★★★ The Cabin in the Woods ('11) Chris Hemsworth, Kristen Connolly.			★★★ Zombieland (2009, Action) Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone, Woody Harrelson.				Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber o...			
43	RFD	(162) (4:30) FFA Convent. (55) FFA Convent.	Rural America "Live" "AARP Live"			Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town		Time Life Library

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