

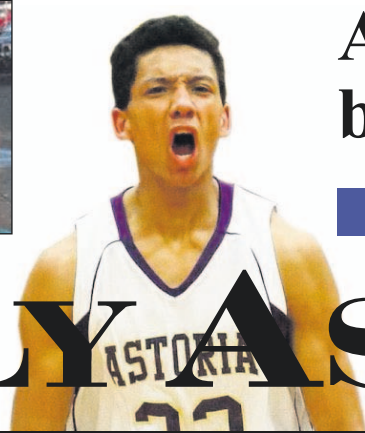
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Council pulls back Waldorf demolition plan

Other library upgrade options on the table

By DERRICK DePLEGGE
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The Astoria City Council backed away Tuesday night from a library renovation plan that would demolish

the old Waldorf Hotel and instead agreed to look at other options, such as building a new library with workforce housing at Heritage Square.

The City Council had decided last year on a \$4.6 million renovation plan for the Astoria Public Library that involved the demolition of the vacant Waldorf. But preservationists have fought to save the dilapidated hotel, previously known as the Mer-

wyn, and newly elected city councilors have been open to alternatives.

Mayor Arline LaMear, a retired librarian who has supported the library's expansion into the Waldorf, suggested at a council work session Tuesday night that the city look at building a new library with workforce housing in partnership with the private sector at Heritage Square.

A similar option had been floated

a decade ago for Heritage Square. The mayor cited as examples the Sellwood-Moreland Library in Portland, a mixed-use development with condominiums and commercial space, and the Hollywood Library in Portland, which has apartments and a coffee shop.

"To me, it's a way of perhaps solving two problems," LaMear said. Councilor Drew Herzig, who had

wanted the City Council to explore options to demolishing the Waldorf, praised LaMear for offering another approach. The mayor has made library renovation a priority since she was first elected to the council in 2008, but she said last week that she did not want the decision on how to proceed to be personal.

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FIND THE BALANCE

Speaker urges economic, environmental harmony

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Weaving together social narratives of past and present, Columbia Land Trust Executive Director Glenn Lamb encouraged people to create a benevolent balance between nature and humans during a presentation Thursday night at the Columbia Forum in Astoria.

Pacific Northwesters live in one of the most amazing places in the world, Lamb said.

"Its forests support more living tissue, by weight, than any other ecosystem, including the equatorial jungle," states a quote Lamb read from "The Golden Spruce," a book by John Vaillant. "There is so much life in our forests that an Oregon State University entomologist calculated that a single footstep in one of Oregon's old coastal forests is taken on the back of 16,000 invertebrates."

The region's forest helped build the nation and win the war, Lamb said. Woody Guthrie was even hired by the Bonneville Power Administration to glamorize the harnessing of the Columbia River for hydroelectric power, in his song "Roll On Columbia, Roll On."

Lamb used two of author Robert Reich's American social narratives to guide his presentation: the triumphant individual and the benevolent community.

Those abundant resources of the Pacific Northwest are the reason it's peopled, said Lamb, including by such triumphant individuals as Richard Brooke (R.B.) Magruder, who created the Columbia Agricultural Co. and built dikes in the early and mid-20th century.

But the sort of narrative about unbridled use of the environment has come to an end, Lamb said, marked by declining populations of American bald eagles, salmon and other species.

He shared the words of R.B.'s granddaughter, Margaret Magruder: "Balance is balancing an economy and an environment, and not just saying the words, but living them."

There is so much reason for optimism, Lamb said, because people like Margaret Magruder and the watershed councils; Neal Maine, Katie Voelke and the North Coast Land Conservancy; Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce; and the thousands of peo-



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Glenn Lamb, executive director of the Columbia Land Trust, speaks at the Columbia Forum Thursday about the importance of preserving the land around the Columbia River.



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Glenn Lamb, executive director of the Columbia Land Trust, pours copper pellets into a bucket to symbolize how long the Columbia River has flowed. Each pellet signified 100 years. It's estimated the Columbia has been flowing for 30 million years.

ple who support such groups. They're all part of Reich's social narrative of the benevolent community.

The Columbia Land Trust has partnered with private landowners to preserve in perpetuity nearly 30,000 acres, Lamb said, and more than 3,000 people in Portland have signed

up to improve the habitat, down to their own backyards.

Across the river

In Washington, 50 percent of forestland is owned by families, each

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Photo courtesy of Glenn Lamb

"An Oregon State University entomologist calculated that a single footstep in one of Oregon's coastal forests is taken on the back of 16,000 invertebrates," read an excerpt of John Vaillant's "The Golden Spruce," recounted by Executive Director Glenn Lamb of the Columbia Land Trust.

Bunun Fortune escapes Astoria

Log ship heads to China after 15-day stay

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The Japanese log ship Bunun Fortune was only supposed to take six days to load.

But caught up in the West Coast's labor-shipper dispute and port shut-downs, it ultimately stayed 15 days before taking off from the Port of Astoria at 1 a.m. today, loaded with 5.4 million board feet of timber destined for the Port of Lanshan, China.

The Port of Astoria bestowed the vessel's Capt. Wang You Li with a wooden, Oregon-shaped plaque and a package of shrimp courtesy of Bornstein Seafoods, not for waiting so patiently, but because Astoria was the Bunun Fortune's maiden port of call. The vessel was built in Imabari, Japan, before taking off on its first trip across the Pacific Ocean on a contract for Chinese log importer Superchain Logistics.

The International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), which represents the dockworkers, and the Pacific Maritime Association (PMA), which represents shippers, terminal operators and stevedoring companies, have been negotiating for a new contract for more than

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coast weekend



THURSDAY

Au Natural

New governor inherits a daunting to-do list

Kate Brown is Oregon's 38th governor

SALEM (AP) — Kate Brown was sworn in today as Oregon's governor following an influence-peddling scandal that prompted the resignation of fellow Democrat John Kitzhaber, who had been the state's longest-serving chief executive before his swift fall from grace.

Brown assumed Oregon's highest office during a ceremony at the state Capitol. Brown, formerly the secretary of state, becomes the first openly bisexual governor in the nation.

Unlike most states, Oregon has no lieutenant governor. Un-

der the state constitution, the secretary of state takes over if a governor steps down or dies.

Kitzhaber, elected to an unprecedented fourth term last year, announced last week that he would step down amid allegations his fiancée used her relationship with him to enrich herself.

Kitzhaber has denied wrongdoing and has consistently maintained that he and Cylvia Hayes worked hard to avoid conflicts between her public and private roles.

In a speech to the Legislature after her swearing-in, Brown praised Kitzhaber for his contributions to Oregon but also said "we must restore the public's trust."

"There is a great deal of work



AP Photo/The Oregonian, Bruce Ely

Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown is sworn in as Oregon governor by Oregon Chief Justice Thomas A. Balmer in Salem, today.

ahead of us, and I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get to it," she said.

"We are all keenly aware of the difficult circumstances that brought us to this moment

— circumstances that none of us would have predicted only a short time ago," the new governor said.

"Oregon has been in the national news for all the wrong reasons," she said of the ethics scandal. "That changes starting today."

Brown, a 54-year-old Minnesota native, came to Oregon to attend law school in Portland, the state's largest city, and established a family law practice before her first run for the Legislature.

Kitzhaber handily won re-election in November to a fourth term after surviving the botched rollout of Oregon's online health care exchange, which turned into a national embarrassment.

