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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

Spring Break starts in a week and the Seaside Police Department is ready, head dispatcher Lynn Smith told the Seaside Chamber of Commerce Friday.

Extra officers will be on hand, curfew is midnight and no open alcohol containers are allowed on the beach, she said.

"The last few years have been fine," she said. "We still need to plan."

**A wildfire in Gearhart that burned five acres and threatened at least 10 houses has prompted new warnings of the coming dry season.**

**Because of wind and dry conditions, the fire acted like an August or September burn, said Neal Laugle, and Oregon Department of Forestry supervisor. "It looks like it's going to be a bad fire season," he said.**

Calling all Goonies!

Astoria is hosting a 20th anniversary reunion for fans of the popular 1985 adventure film June 3 through 5.

Organized by the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce, "Goonies Never Say Die Anniversary Celebration" features movie screening, a lecture, trivia games and tours to some of the many local sites made famous by the exploits of Mikey, Chunk and Data.

**Cheap thrills, a creepy climax and a few good shots of Astoria make it impossible to walk out of "The Ring Two" disappointed — at least if you're a local.**

**The DreamWorks suspense flick opens today, and Clatsop County residents will be flocking to theaters to see results of three weeks' filming here last June.**

### 50 years ago — 1965

The Tongue Point Job Corps Center reacted quickly to a Portland news story last week implying that a federal judge was considering clemency for a youthful car thief if he could win admission to the Tongue Point center.

No doubt there is a widespread impression that this school is some sort of a reform school that will welcome convicted felons. This impression is wholly incorrect and needs to be dispelled.

Authorities made it clear to Astoria people, before the school was established here, that it is not a reform school and that it will not accept young men convicted of felonies.

**Contractors Pomeroy and Gerwich have resumed pouring concrete for the deck of the Desdemona Sands viaduct of the Astoria bridge after several weeks' delay due to damage sustained when a barge hit a pier during the winter storms.**

SALEM — Oregon's traditional designation of its beaches as "public highways" would end under a bill approved today by the House natural Resources Committee.

A measure labeling the areas between mean high tide and mean low tide as "public recreation areas" was sent to the floor on a 5-4 vote.

Considerable debate on the measure is expected when it comes up for a final House vote later this week.

**OLYMPIA, Wash. — The State Canal Commission Tuesday reviewed the progress of a Corps of Engineers study on a proposed inter-coastal waterway from the mouth of the Columbia River to Puget Sound, then decided to launch a program to determine public feeling on the matter.**

**The engineers are in the second year of a preliminary study of the feasibility of the 73-mile canal which would stretch from the mouth of the Columbia River to Olympia via Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor.**

### 75 years ago — 1940

A movement has been started to revive Astoria's city park project on Taylor Avenue east of Denver through request for a second WPA grant of about \$5000, it was learned today.

The park project was started in July, 1938 when a group of Astoria citizens, cooperating with the city, asked for a WPA appropriation of \$37,000 to build a city recreation park on Astoria's southwestern boundary along Young's Bay.

**A chilling backlash of Europe's World War II, settling in the form of unremoved lumber cargo over Columbia district ports and threatening to move inland over the waterfront, through the towns and into the forests themselves, is darkening the immediate business future of the lower Columbia region, it was learned today.**

**Lumber is piling up in every available space at the mills of Westport, Bradwood, Warrenton, Knapppton, Wauna, Clifton, St. Helens, Rainier and into Portland, it was learned. Two reasons for the mounting surplus are generally accepted. The first is a poor lumber market, a condition which lumbermen have insisted results from the government's reciprocal trade agreements permitting destructive Canadian competition. The second is a growing acute shortage of space on a rapidly decreasing number of ships calling at Columbia River ports in inter-coastal and coast-wide traffic.**

The Astoria Port commission last night reviewed three potential industrial sites and the cost of placing them in usable condition as an attraction to industry, such as the recently burned Aberdeen Plylock mill on Gray's Harbor.

Manager R.R. Bartlett said it would cost about \$24,000 to dredge a channel, construct bulkheading and make a fill west of pier No. 3 on the port docks.

A second site could be provided along the Young's Bay frontage of the Clatsop County airport at a cost of about \$11,500 through clearing, grading and rocking a road into the airport from the highway.

The third site discussed by the commission was the Hammond mill site, which is estimated would cost about \$31,000 to fit for occupation in bulkheading, rocking and filling.

# Restaurant fare is the new municipal currency

LAST SATURDAY'S edition of *The Wall Street Journal* carried an article proclaiming that "You shouldn't have to travel to New York or San Francisco for first-rate food. Now smaller cities like Spokane and Omaha are serving up similarly ambitious meals."

Among the "most dynamic food cities in the country right now are the two Portlands (Ore. and Maine)" and others.

My response to the WSJ's revelation would be, "Of course." I would add that equally top-drawer restaurant fare can be found in some very small places. The Depot in Seaview, for instance, has that capacity to inspire.

If you have lived in this region for more than 20 years, you remember a time when we had two remarkable restaurants: the Ark and the Shoalwater. When I lived in Portland in the 1970s, the big stir was over L'Auberge, whose top chef was a young woman from eastern Washington. Then came Genoa. No Portlander of that era would believe the proliferation of great eating spots one finds in the Rose City.

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PORTLAND MAGAZINE IS A treasure. The wonder is that this is an alumni magazine — of the University of Portland. Edited by Brian Doyle, the magazine is beautifully designed and frequently carries exquisitely written articles — well beyond what one typically see in a college magazine.

The Spring 2015 issue is remarkable for a set of articles — about the joy of childhood running, the Vietnam War Navy nursing service of a U.P. grad who now runs the university's nursing school, and a historical nugget about Ulysses S. Grant's life as a writer.

A prolific author himself, Doyle has made frequent appearances in Astoria and Cannon Beach. If

'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



DAMIAN MULINIX — EO Media File

**Chef/owner Michael Lalewicz of the Depot Restaurant in Seaview, Wash., adds heavy cream while making the sauce for his crab mac & cheese.**

you've seen him, you know he has an Irishman's talent for storytelling and evoking emotion. That carries over in *Portland* magazine, whose touching articles will cause your tear ducts to flow.

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WHILE IN CHICAGO recently, my wife and I and my cousin Kathryn Brown attended the Second City to see its Annual Revue. It is the debut of new material by new members of the company.

Over decades Second City has generated a legion of great comedians. They are the immortals of *Saturday Night Live*.

It is excellent tonic for someone in middle age to see this revue. If you want to know which social norms are being challenged, you will find out. For three hours, we laughed.

**Portland magazine will moisten a reader's eyes.**

# Early onset Clinton fatigue

By CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER  
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WASHINGTON — She burned the tapes.

Had Richard Nixon burned his tapes, he would have survived Watergate. Sure, there would have been a major firestorm, but no smoking gun. Hillary Rodham was a young staffer on the House Judiciary Committee investigating Nixon. She saw. She learned.

Today you don't burn tapes. You delete emails. Hillary Clinton deleted 30,000, dismissing their destruction with the brilliantly casual: "I didn't see any reason to keep them." After all, they were private and personal, she assured everyone.

How do we know that? She says so. Were, say, Clinton Foundation contributions considered personal? No one asked. It's unlikely we'll ever know. We have to trust her.

That's not easy. Not just because of her history — William Safire wrote in 1996 that "Americans of all political persuasions are coming to the sad realization that our first lady ... is a congenial liar" — but because of what she said in her emergency news conference last week. Among the things she listed as private were "personal communications from my husband and me." Except that, as *The Wall Street Journal* reported the very same day, Bill Clinton's spokesman said the former president has sent exactly two emails in his life, one to John Glenn, the other to U.S. troops in the Adriatic.

Mrs. Clinton's other major declaration was that the server containing the emails — owned, controlled and housed by her — "will remain private." Meaning: No one will get near them.

This she learned not from Watergate but from Whitewater. Her husband acquiesced to the appointment of a Whitewater special prosecutor. Hillary objected strenuously. Her fear was that once someone is empowered to search, the searcher can roam freely. In the Clintons' case, it led to impeachment because when the Lewinsky scandal broke, the special prosecutor added that to his portfolio.

Hillary was determined never to permit another open-ended investigation. Which is why she decided even before being confirmed as secretary of state that only she would control her email.

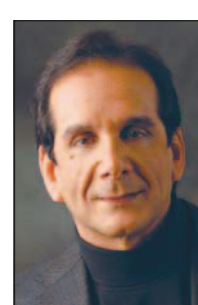
Her pretense for keeping just a single private email account was "convenience." She doesn't like to carry around two devices.

But two weeks ago she said she now carries two phones and a total of four devices. Moreover, it takes about a minute to create two accounts on one device. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood did exactly that.

Her answers are farcical. Everyone knows she kept the email private for purposes of concealment and, above all, control. For other State Department employees, their emails belong to the government. The records officers decide to return to you what's personal. For Hillary Clinton, she decides.

The point of regulations is to ensure government transparency. The point of owning the server is to ensure opacity. Because she holds the emails, all document requests by Congress, by subpoena, by Freedom of Information Act inquiries

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Charles Krauthammer

have ultimately to go through her lawyers, who will stonewall until the end of time — or Election Day 2016, whichever comes first.

It's a smart political calculation. Taking a few weeks of heat now — it's only March 2015 — is far less risky than being blown up by some future email discovery. Moreover, around April 1, the Clinton apologists will begin dismissing the whole story as "old news."

But even if nothing further is found, the damage is done. After all, what is Hillary running on? Her experience and record, say her supporters.

What record? She's had three major jobs. Secretary of state: Can you name a single achievement in four years? U.S. senator: Can you name a single achievement in eight years? First lady: her one achievement in eight years? Hillarycare, a shipwreck.

In reality, Hillary Clinton is running on two things: gender and name. Gender is not to be underestimated. It will make her the Democratic nominee. The name is equally valuable. It evokes the warm memory of the golden 1990s, a decade of peace and prosperity during our holiday from history.

Now breaking through, however, is a stark reminder of the underside of that Clinton decade: the chicanery, the sleaze, the dodging, the parsing, the wordplay. It's a dual legacy that Hillary Clinton cannot escape and that will be a permanent drag on her candidacy.

You can feel it. It's a recurrence of an old ailment. It was bound to set in, but not this soon. What you're feeling now is Early Onset Clinton Fatigue. The CDC is recommending elaborate precautions. Forget it. The only known cure is Elizabeth Warren.

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