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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

Usually by now the Columbia River's spring chinook salmon are heading upstream over fish ladders in the tens of thousands to spawn. But not this year.

"It's a never-before-seen scarcity," said Charles Hudson of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "We're way behind, even compared to the historically low years of 1994-1995."

Calpine Corp. has applied to the Warrenton Planning Department for a code interpretation to determine if a liquefied natural gas terminal would fit with the city's zoning rules. The city's zoning administrator will determine if the project falls into the "marine cargo transfer facility" category, which is allowed under the city's Water-Dependent Industrial Shorelands (1-2) district.

In its application, Calpine said the facility would consist of a dock for an LNG tanker, a pier with pipelines connecting the dock to the shore, LNG tanks on land, a gasification system to convert the LNG to the natural gas that's put into distribution pipelines, and a combined cycle cogeneration system to generate heat.

SEASIDE — Take the best track athletes you can find in a 40-mile radius of Astoria, and presto! — you've got the annual Daily Astorian Invitational track meet.

Throw in a little rain, hail and a wind-chill of around 30 degrees, and the meet looks the same as does every year.

Seaside High School hosted the annual invitational meet Monday, and despite the dramatic weather, the athletes didn't disappoint.

House Republicans made clear their support late Tuesday for reinforcing the federal government's final authority over the siting of liquefied natural gas import terminals — even if states or local communities object.

The news came as officials considered four possible LNG terminals on the Columbia River, including two sites in Warrenton.

50 years ago — 1965

An estimated 5,000 to 6,000 more people will move into the Sunset Empire as result of the \$74 million additional development at Wauna announced Friday by Crown-Zellerbach in Portland, Gov. Mark O. Hatfield told a luncheon group of some of Oregon's top industrial leaders in Portland.

Crown-Zellerbach was host at the luncheon, in the Benson hotel, to make its historic announcement of the biggest individual development in Oregon history, and the biggest in Crown-Zellerbach history.

Dan Allen, chairman of the governor's committee on natural resources, urged Astoria's chamber of commerce to "get in the race" for Gov. Mark Hatfield's city beautification trophy.

"I hope to see Astoria challenge Seaside and win the trophy," Allen said.

Seaside won the 1964 award in its initial effort for its campaign of city beautification.

"We must prepare to serve our new neighbors at Wauna with the full advantage of our community, including housing, schools, culture, recreation and a total welcome."

This was the comment of Deskin O. Bergey, Astoria chamber of commerce president, Monday on the announcement by Crown-Zellerbach Corporation of a \$90 million Wauna project that will bring perhaps 6,000 new people into the lower Columbia area.

The Oregon House of Representatives late Thursday approved a memorandum to Congress urging inclusion of lower U.S. Highway 30, from Portland to Astoria, in the federal interstate highway system, Rep. William Holmstrom told The Daily Astorian.

75 years ago — 1940

"A Song in the Kitchen" will be the theme song of the cooking school which the Astorian-Budget will conduct for the housewives of Astoria next week.

Miss Barbara Miller, the noted home economist who will conduct the cooking school says, "This isn't going to be just another cooking school, no indeed! There will, of course, be many new and unusual ideas for planning menus, entertaining and home management, but primarily we want to find the way to put song and laughter in the kitchen. With the help of the Astoria housewives, we will hunt out and drive away all the old drudgery and wagaos that have haunted the kitchen for years.

"What if you do have to cook three meals a day — for 365 days a year — and, for oh innumerable years. Well, what of it? If you have to do it, let's get together and plan ways to make it a gay and happy job."

The impact of Germany's thrust into Denmark and Norway was felt along the Pacific Coast today in what threatened to be the severest disruption of shipping since the World War.

Swedish ships were ordered held in ports here; American shipping officials expressed concern over ships now in Europe; insurance companies shifted war-risk rates to meet the changing condition, and California cargoes estimated to be worth millions of dollars — originally consigned to Scandinavia — filled docks while shippers awaited clarification of the situation.

Telephone calls to vessels at sea around Astoria and the Columbia and Willamette rivers are expected to be possible as the result of issuance today in Washington by the FCC of permits to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. to erect two coastal harbor radio stations.

The more powerful of the two stations will be at the Columbia River mouth near Fort Stevens. The other is to be built in Portland.

One near tragedy, a flock of piscatorial triumphs, one maritime casualty and some lesser successes marked opening of the 1940 sports angling season in Clatsop County last weekend.

The Mouth of the Columbia is back

THE BIG EVENT IN Thursday's paper is the return of the Mouth of the Columbia column. Introducing himself, the new Mouth gives context for how he will pursue the task of reviewing restaurants in our region and writing about food in general.

Rich Fencsak established this column some 20 years ago. After his untimely death, there have been five or six Mouths. The verbiage in tomorrow's Mouth column is quite reminiscent of how Fencsak approached the business of reviewing restaurants.

Much as performers and chefs might profess to loathe critics, the attention of a critic is a good thing. Fencsak's informed criticism of the local food scene had something to do with the explosion of restaurants we have observed over the past 10-15 years.



WHEN THE DROPOUT rate in Oregon schools is reported, Salem policymakers often conjure new programs. Faraway theorists forget an essential relationship: Kids stay in school because someone wants them to. It might be a parent or grandparent, it might be a teacher or principal, it might be a coach.

That truism came to mind as I watched the luncheon festivities honoring Jeanne Maddox Peterson and Judy Maddox Bigby. Peterson has operated the Maddox Dance Studio for 40 years. Bigby was principal of John Jacob Astor Elementary School.

Both of these women have had extensive impact on generations of children. One of Peterson's alumna told the luncheon crowd that the dance teacher instilled valuable habits in her young charges. Those traits have served a legion of women and a few men well through life.

It is truly phenomenal that the Maddox dancers have produced a full-length production of *The Nutcracker* annually for decades.

'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



JOSHUA BESSEX — The Daily Astorian
 Ernie Atkinson speaks during the Lady Liberty Award Luncheon in the McTavish Room of the Liberty Theater Thursday.

I suspect there weren't many dry eyes as we heard Sheila Roley talk about young dancers or Ernie Atkinson talk about the children of Astor School.

Both of our children had the good fortune to attend Astor School during those years. Ernie Atkinson described how Bigby seemed to be everywhere — on the playground, in the classroom, at the bus stop, in the halls.

During her service on the Liberty Theater board, Bigby was essential to bringing the

region's schoolchildren to the theater for live performances. This is one of the most valuable things the theater accomplishes. Assuredly, this is the first time that all but a few of these children will have seen live entertainment in a theater. If the arts hope to have an audience decades from now, it must start with children finding their way into a theater.



SOMEONE AT YAHOO said this about Major League Baseball's opening day: It's the best day of the year, and then

we get statistics. My wife and I have resumed our enthusiasm in following the fortunes of the Giants, Mariners, Athletics and Royals.

This is the best time of the year to watch baseball in the comfort of one's home. Ballparks in the northern latitudes are shaking off winter.

When June rolls around, we will find our way to a Hillsboro Hops day game. The food at the Ron Tonkin Stadium is assuredly the best minor league ballpark fare. And the baseball from the college player aspirants is always fun to watch.

— S.A.F.



The Iran deal: What we've given up

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"Negotiations ... to prevent an Iranian capability to develop a nuclear arsenal are ending with an agreement that concedes this very capability ..."

— Henry Kissinger and George Shultz, *The Wall Street Journal*, April 8

WASHINGTON — It was but a year and a half ago that Barack Obama endorsed the objective of abolition when he said that Iran's heavily fortified Fordow nuclear facility, its plutonium-producing heavy-water reactor and its advanced centrifuges were all unnecessary for a civilian nuclear program.

The logic was clear: Since Iran was claiming to be pursuing an exclusively civilian program, these would have to go.

Yet under the deal Obama is now trying to sell, not one of these is to be dismantled. Indeed, Iran's entire nuclear infrastructure is kept intact, just frozen or repurposed for the length of the deal (about a decade). Thus Fordow's centrifuges will keep spinning. They will now be fed xenon, zinc and germanium instead of uranium. But that means they remain ready at any time to revert from the world's most heavily (indeed comically) fortified medical isotope facility to a bomb-making factory.

And upon the expiration of the deal, conceded Obama Monday on NPR, Iran's breakout time to a nuclear bomb will be "almost down to zero," i.e., it will be able to produce

nuclear weapons at will and without delay.

And then there's cheating. Not to worry, says Obama. We have guarantees of compliance: "unprecedented inspections" and "snapback" sanctions.

The inspection promises are a farce. We haven't even held the Iranians to their current obligation to come clean with the International Atomic Energy Agency on their previous nuclear activities. The IAEA charges Iran with stonewalling on 11 of 12 issues.

As veteran nuclear expert David Albright points out, that makes future verification impossible — how can you determine what's been illegally changed or added if you have no baseline? Worse, there's been no mention of the only verification regime with real teeth — at-will, unannounced visits to any facility, declared or undeclared. The joint European-Iranian statement spoke only of "enhanced access through agreed procedures," which doesn't remotely suggest spot inspections. And on Thursday, Iran's supreme leader ruled out any "extraordinary supervision measures."

The IAEA hasn't been allowed to see the Parchin weaponization facility in 10 years. And the massive Fordow complex was disclosed not by the IAEA but by Iranian dissidents.

Yet even if violations are found, what then? First, they have to be certified by the IAEA. Which then reports to the United Nations, where Iran has the right to challenge the charge. Which then has to be considered, argued and adjudicated. Which then presumably goes to the Security Council where China, Russia and sundry anti-Western countries will act as Iran's lawyers. Which all



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would take months — after which there is no guarantee that China and Russia will ratify the finding anyway.

As for the "snapback" sanctions — our last remaining bit of pressure — they are equally fantastic. There's no way sanctions will be re-imposed once they have been lifted. It took a decade to weave China, Russia and the Europeans into the current sanctions infrastructure. Once gone, it doesn't snap back. None will pull their companies out of a thriving, post-sanctions Iran. As Kissinger and Shultz point out, we will be fought every step of the way, leaving the U.S., not Iran, isolated.

Obama imagines that this deal will bring Iran in from the cold, tempering its territorial ambitions and ideological radicalism. But this defies logic: With sanctions lifted, its economy booming and tens of billions injected into its treasury, why would Iran curb rather than expand its relentless drive for regional dominance?

An overriding objective of these negotiations, as Obama has said, is to prevent the inevitable proliferation — Egypt, Turkey, the Gulf states — that would occur if Iran went nuclear. Yet the prospective agreement is so clearly a pathway to an Iranian bomb that the Saudis are signaling that the deal itself would impel them to go nuclear.

You set out to prevent proliferation and you trigger it. You set out to prevent an Iranian nuclear capability and you legitimize it. You set out to constrain the world's greatest exporter of terror threatening every one of our allies in the Middle East and you're on the verge of making it the region's economic and military hegemon.

What is the alternative, asks the president? He's repeatedly answered the question himself: No deal is better than a bad deal.