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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 — 2006

Astoria City Council goals for 2006-2007, in no particular order:

Complete a buildable lands inventory to include infill opportunities, urban growth boundary expansion possibilities and adjacent lands.

Develop and implement a strategy to redevelop the former Safeway site (soon to be renamed) and vacant buildings located in and adjacent to the downtown area.

Develop and implement a plan for improvements to the city hall building, with a focus on enhancing both customer service and the physical appearance.

Resubmit and secure the inclusion of the Astoria Bypass into the Oregon State Transportation Improvement Plan.

Attract commercial passenger air service to the Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton.

Study feasibility of municipal investment in the development of renewable energy sources, with a focus on hydroelectric and wind power.

**Two groups opposed to liquefied natural gas terminals along the lower Columbia River claim that the city of Warrenton didn't adequately consider the impact on the local fishing economy, public safety and quality of life when making land-use changes to the Skipanon Peninsula**

**People for Responsible Prosperity and Columbia Riverkeeper have filed an appeal with Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals to challenge the zoning change.**

"We'll see you back in St. Louis!"

Casting off from the same shore his ancestor left exactly 200 years before, Peyton "Bud" Clark offered a farewell to the hundreds of spectators on shore who watched as he and the rest of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, Missouri, paddled down the Lewis and Clark River Thursday.

### 50 years ago — 1966

**Weekend vacationers and curious motorists comprised several huge traffic jams Sunday on snowbound Highway 26 west of the Sunset summit.**

**State and county police reported Monday homebound weekend travelers and "a flock of curious sightseers out to take a look at the snow" caused the gnarled traffic situations that prevailed throughout Sunday afternoon on the heavily traveled Highway 26.**

Need of a dock for the Coast Guard cutter Yocona became apparent Wednesday when the port docks had so much shipping that there was no place left to tie up the Yocona. The cutter went to sea for maneuvers until the traffic thins out a bit.

There were five ships loading cargo and an oil barge discharging petroleum.

The glut of log ships apparently is due to end of a Japanese seamen's strike that released a flock of ships all at once, port official said.

**Officials of the Washington State Parks commission this week decided to take under advisement the proposal to make a narrow 29-mile stretch of land along the North Beach Peninsula a state park, according to Eldred Pentilla, chairman of Pacific County commissioners.**

### 75 years ago — 1941

Three crimes, believed by city police to have been committed by one man, swelled the minor crime wave which has hit Astoria in the past two weeks when the Youngs Bay dairy and the Seeborg Transfer company offices were entered and an automobile belonging to the Lovell Auto company was stolen Sunday night between 6 and 9 o'clock.

**Patriotic literature published by the United States Flag association will be distributed in Astoria schools upon settlement of an agreement between school authorities and U.J.W. McKrill, one of 35 representatives of the association now in the northwest in interest of the program.**

**The books deal with aspects of American life and are designed to sell democracy and the American way of life to school children through stories on such subjects as "U.S., a Presentation of Americanism." "Our Country's Flag" and "Your Rights Under the Constitution."**

**The books are marketed through memberships sold locally and the literature is distributed freely among the schools.**

**The association is unofficially sponsored by the government and President Roosevelt is honorary president.**

Two husky U.S. Navy men were in town today arranging for receiving applications for the service in Astoria, Seaside and Tillamook. They also were making arrangement for showing motion pictures at various lodges, civic organizations and schools that are interested in viewing scenes of navy life.



Daily Astorian File

# Brooks touts character, scalds Donald Trump

**I**F YOU SAW THE LONG line snaking into the Chiles Center at the University of Portland last Wednesday evening, you might have suspected a rock concert was inside. But one look at the audience (middle aged) told you something else.

David Brooks, the *New York Times* columnist, had drawn a crowd that would satisfy anyone running for office in this state.

Mostly Brooks riffed on his book, "The Road to Character." It is about what Brooks describes as the sorts of attributes that are said in one's eulogy instead of what's on one's resume.

While it was an elevating discussion, most of the crowd was itching to hear Brooks say something about the presidential campaign. One of the questions he answered from students hit the mark. Talking about Donald Trump, Brooks said: His campaign "is not a rebellion of policy, because he has no policy. It is a rebellion of manners."

Brooks followed that with a discourse on the importance of civil society. He noted that one by one, Trump has broken the barriers that sustain civil society.

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Michael Gerson last week also offered a succinct response to Trumpism. "We are supposed to turn in desperation to the talent and will of one man, who happens to be bristling with prejudice and blazing with ignorance. We are seeing the offer of personal rule by someone with no discernible public or personal virtues."

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THE WALL STREET

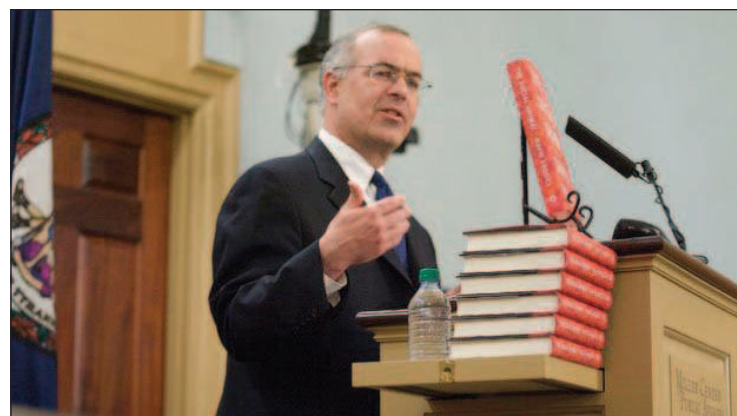
*Journal's* editorial writers have twice chewed out Trump for his shallow understanding of foreign affairs and economics. Most recently, last Friday, the *Journal* projected the economic cost of deporting 11 million illegal immigrants. If it succeeded, that

'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



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**David Brooks, a conservative New York Times columnist shown here speaking about his 2011 book, "The Social Animal," has called businessman Donald Trump's Republican presidential campaign "a rebellion of manners."**

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plan would reduce American gross domestic product by 5.7 percent, said the *Journal*.

In a "Trade Tutorial for Trump," on March 10, the *Journal* concluded: "Mr. Trump claims that as president he would make smarter and 'fairer' trade deals. He could help persuade voters by showing that he knows more than nothing about foreign trade."

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JEANNINE COWLES, WHO died Feb. 4, played a major role in Astoria's arts rebirth. Thanks to Marge Bloomfield's friendship with Cowles, she came to one of the earliest vocal recitals, in the unrestored Liberty Theater. A check from

Cowles followed that visit.

For most years of the Astoria Music Festival, Cowles sponsored the opera productions.

My wife and I got to know Cowles in Bloomfield's living room and saw her at a master class at Portland State University, which she sponsored. She was a large, buoyant personality. Cowles faced reversals in her own life. Being an early investor in Weight Watchers paid off. She was generous in sharing the wealth she gained.

—S.A.F.



# Will The Donald be dumped?

By MAUREEN DOWD

*New York Times News Service*

**W**ASHINGTON — Most people would be upset to be at the center of an agitated national debate about whether they were more like Hitler, Mussolini, Idi Amin, George Wallace or a Marvel villain.

Not Donald Trump.

He doesn't like invidious comparisons, but he's cool with being called an authoritarian.

"We need strength in this country," he told me Friday morning, speaking from his Fifth Avenue office. "We have weak leadership. Hillary is pathetically weak."

"She got us into Libya and she got us into Benghazi and she's probably got 40 egg-heads sitting around a table telling her what to do, and then she was sleeping when the phone call came in from the ambassador begging for help. You know, the 3 a.m. phone call?"

I asked the brand baron if he's concerned that his brand has gone from fun to scary, from glittery New York City celebrity to "Saturday Night Live" skits about him featuring allusions to the KKK and Hitler. He blamed a "disgustingly dishonest" press.

I wondered about ex-wife Ivana telling her lawyer, according to Vanity Fair, that Trump kept a book of Hitler's speeches by his bed. Or the talk in New York that in the '90s he was reading "Mein Kampf." Nein, he said.

"I never had the book," he said. "I never read the book. I don't care about the book."

All over town, even in the building where I'm writing this column, freaked-out Republicans are plotting how to rip the nomination from Trump's hot little hands.

How does it feel to be labeled a menace, misogynist, bigot and xenophobe by your own party?

"Honestly," he replied, "I'm with the people. The people like Trump."

Since he prefers to rely on himself for policy advice, is he seeking out expert help on the abstruse delegate rules?

"Yeah," he said, "I have people, very good people, the best people."

No details, as usual.

Won't a contested con-

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vention require more of a campaign than après moi, le déluge?

"I have an organization, but it's largely myself," he said.

More heavyweights are jumping in to stomp Trump, including Elizabeth Warren. Asked about her jabs, he pounced: "I think it's wonderful because the Indians can now partake in the future of the country. She's got about as much Indian blood as I have. Her whole life was based on a fraud. She got into Harvard and all that because she said she was a minority."

Told that President Barack Obama was mocking his wine as \$5 wine marked up to \$50, Trump shot back, "My wine has gone through the roof."

What about Mitt Romney, who's pushing for an open convention?

"He's a jealous fool and not a bright person," Trump said. "He's good looking. Other than that, he's got nothing."

Paul Ryan, who will be leading the GOP convention in Cleveland, says there could be a floor fight. But he protested that he would, no, no, never take it himself, just as he once said about the speakership.

Ryan snickered at the idea that Mexico would pay for the wall and chided Trump for warning that there would be riots at the convention if the Gaspign Old Party tried to snatch the nomination. Was the speaker interested in seizing the crown himself?

"I don't think so," Trump said, noting that he liked Ryan and that they'd talked. "All that matters is the votes. I see people making statements about me



Maureen Dowd

that are harsh and yet they are calling me on the other line saying, 'Hey, when can we get together?'"

Mitch McConnell also urged Trump to ratchet down the ferocity. Trump insisted that "the violence is not caused by me. It's caused by agitators." He added that "Hillary is the one disrupting my rallies. It's more Hillary than Sand-

ers, I found out." The Clinton campaign called this "patently false."

I wondered if he realized that, in riling up angry whites, he has pulled the scab off racism.

"Obama, who is African-American, has done nothing for African Americans," he replied.

He said he would soon unleash the moniker that he thought would diminish Hillary, the way "Little Marco" and "Lyn' Ted" torched his Republican rivals; "I want to get rid of the leftovers first."

When he mocks Hillary, as he does in a new ad that shows her barking, it may backfire. Due to his inability to let go of his chew toy Megyn Kelly, Trump drew a remarkable rebuke Friday night from Fox News after he called for a boycott of her show and tweeted that she was "crazy" and "sick." Fox painted Trump as a stalker, saying he had an "extreme, sick obsession" with the anchor. Unable to resist, even though he knows I respect Kelly, he also described her to me as a "total whack job" with "no talent."

He has a history of crude remarks about women from his visits to Howard Stern's show that could be used in Hillary ads. A conservative anti-Trump super PAC is running an ad with women repeating his coarse remarks.

"All of these politicians have said far worse than that," Trump said, "drunk, standing in a corner."

Joe Scarborough said that just as FDR was the master of radio and JFK of television, DJT is the titan of Twitter. The titan agreed, gloating about how his tweets to his 7 million followers, sometimes penned in his jammies, become cable news bulletins.

"Yeah," he said, "I'll do them sometimes lying in bed."

Not exactly a fireside chat. But it sure started a fire.