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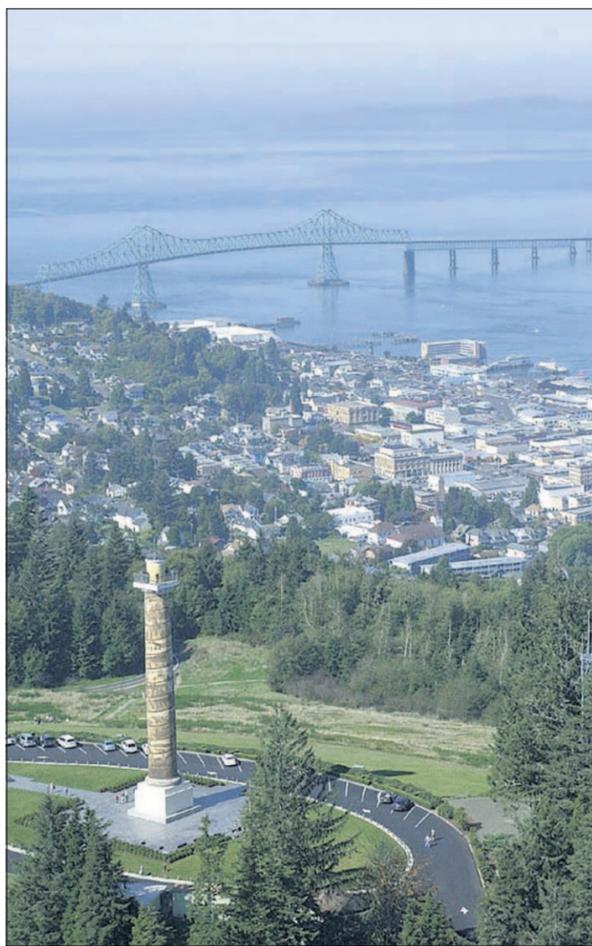
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ASTORIA COLUMN 1926-2016



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The Astoria Column was dedicated on July 22, 1926. The 125-foot column by architect Electus Darwin Litchfield and artist Attilio Pusterla celebrates westward expansion and the region's history. The landmark is still undergoing renovation, but the city plans a celebration of the 90th anniversary later this year.



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An aerial view of Astoria from the Astoria Column to the Astoria Bridge is shown in 2011.



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The Astoria Column underwent its first major restoration in 20 years in 2015.



Clatsop County Historical Society
A postcard photo of the Astoria Column from the 1920s or 1930s.



Jim Stanovich/The Daily Astorian
The Astoria Column on Christmas Day in 2014.

Local GOP cheers Trump

Republicans welcome a political outsider

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Conservatives gathered at BJ's Pizza Palace in Seaside Thursday night to celebrate Donald Trump's victory lap at the Republican National Convention.

"I'm among those of the anyone but Hillary (Clinton) camp," said Patricia Roberts, president of the North Coast Republican Women and a Trump supporter. "He is a viable alternative. He is not a traditional politician."

"If the movement is bigger than Trump, he'll do very well," she said. "People have been dissatisfied for a long time, and there hasn't been a choice. Now there's a choice."

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Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson speaks to an audience attending a Think & Drink event organized by Oregon Humanities on Thursday at Fort George Brewery in Astoria.

Facing ourselves

Pulitzer Prize-winning author discusses racism and the Great Migration

By ERICK BENGEL
The Daily Astorian

The racial tensions surging in the United States cannot be fully understood without knowing about the country's history and legacy of racism, Isabel Wilkerson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author, believes.

Wilkerson, the first black woman to win the award for journalism, talked about her much-decorated 2010 nonfiction book, "The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration," at Fort George Brewery's Lovell Showroom on Thursday evening. The event was part of the Oregon Humanities' statewide Think & Drink series, which seeks to strengthen communities by encouraging dialogue across differences.

Hosted by Adam Davis, the organization's executive director, the discussion

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Defense lawyers attempt to humanize Roden

Accused of murder and torture in Seaside child-abuse case

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

Defense lawyers for Randy Roden will try to humanize the accused murderer at his trial this fall with testimony from friends, family and teachers who say he was a peaceful person who overcame a traumatic upbringing in Georgia.

Lawyers Conor Huseby and Robert Axford filed a request this week to have a dozen out-of-state witnesses from Georgia,

North Carolina and Tennessee testify at the trial and possible sentencing.

Roden, 28, is facing the death penalty if convicted. The testimony could be essential in deciding Roden's fate.

He is accused of murdering his girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter and abusing and torturing her two sons in their Seaside apartment in 2014. An autopsy found the toddler, Evangelina Wing, apparently died of battered child syndrome with blunt force trauma to her head. The children's mother, Dorothy Wing, 26, pleaded guilty in January to first-degree manslaughter and two counts of first-degree



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Randy Roden, right, walks out of court following a hearing in 2015.

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