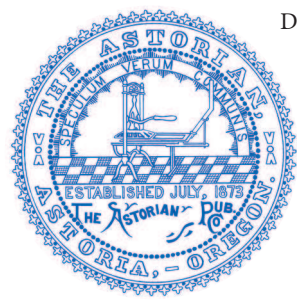


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Water under the bridge



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From the pages of Astoria's daily newspapers

10 years ago this week — 2006

"I say build anything you want on the waterfront," said 85-year-old Mel Hjorten. "If you want to see the river, all you have to do is go up the hill a couple of blocks."

Hjorten's comment, which proved to be a minority opinion, was the first one Wednesday evening at a work session convened by the Astoria Planning Commission and Historic Landmarks commission to discuss development along the Columbia River and Youngs Bay.

Al Rissman, a contemporary of Hjorten, took the opposite tack. "The city should put teeth in our development code," Rissman said, and buildings on the waterfront should be directly related to the river, as they were in the past. There's no relationship between condos and the river, he said, and only rich people can live in them.

And so it went for 2 1/2 hours as speakers took turns expressing their views on a topic of such tremendous public interest that the session attracted an overflow crowd of some 120 people to the Astoria Public Library's flag Room.

Clambakes, crabcakes, swordfish steaks and even humble fish sticks could be little more than a fond memory in a few decades.

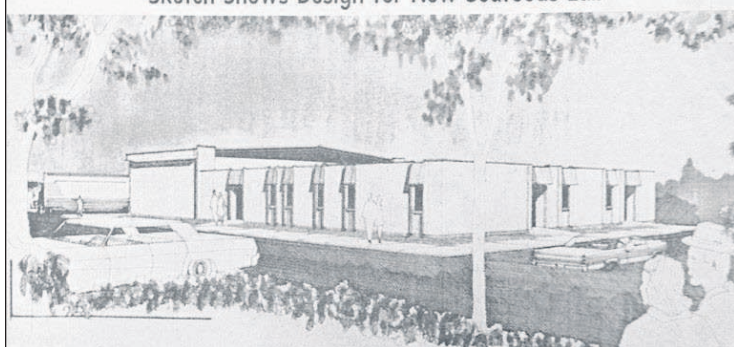
If current trends of overfishing and pollution continue, the populations of just about all seafood face collapse by 2048, a team of ecologists and economists warns in today's issue of the journal *Science*.

"Whether we looked at tide pools or studies over the entire world's ocean, we saw the same picture emerging. Losing species we lose the productivity and stability of entire ecosystems," said the lead author, Boris Worm of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"I was shocked and disturbed by how consistent these trends are — beyond anything we suspected," Worm said.

50 years ago — 1966

Sketch Shows Design for New Seafoods Lab



This is architect's sketch of new Oregon State University Seafoods laboratory to be built near east end mooring basin in Astoria.

Plans for the new Oregon State University Seafoods laboratory have been announced by Dr. David Crawford, lab program director.

Crawford said the \$118,000 facility will be built near the east end mooring basin.

Cost of the lab will be shared equally by the Port of Astoria and the Federal Economic Development administration.

Ground-breaking ceremonies are expected to be in mid-winter, possibly about Feb. 1.

What happens to a Russian fisherman when he spends several weeks in a U.S. hospital with a broken leg?

Several things.

He learns to speak a little English, his attitude of hostility changes to one of friendliness and relaxation, he is impressed with the generous food servings in the hospital, and he decides to buy a sweater here for his wife.

Anatoly Kuzmov has been in Astoria's St. Mary hospital since Oct. 17. He was airlifted to Astoria by Coast Guard helicopter after his commander requested U.S. medical aid for Kuzmov's serious leg fracture.

Structural steel for Astoria's new library is now completed and will be shipped soon, the Portland Wire and Steel company informed city officials this week. The Portland firm has been fabricating the material for contractor Albert Mettet.

75 years ago — 1941

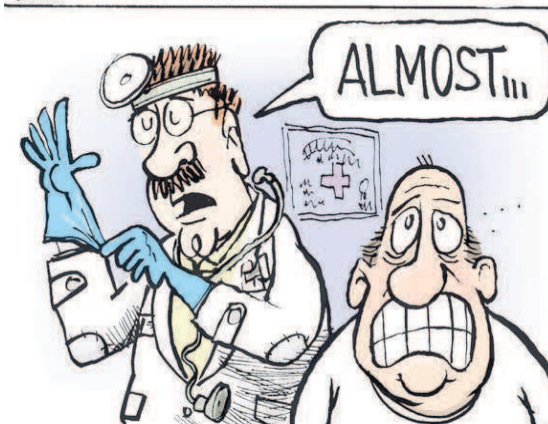
The Works Progress administration in Clatsop County is engaged in building, scooping, shoveling, digging, rocking, dredging and shaping more than \$2,300,000 worth of defense projects.

The WPA national defense projects in this county are the most extensive in Oregon. Almost every nickel of federal funds that have been appropriated for this area's protection, with exception of the \$7,400,000 at Tongue Point and the \$400,000 for barracks at Fort Stevens, is being spent by WPA.

To do this work the agency constructed a large camp, with a capacity of 1000 men. It is located on both sides of the Ridge Road, which when completed will probably be the fastest five and one-half miles of 14-foot highway possible to build. The camp is about three miles south of the Hammon-Warrenton-Fort Stevens highway.

Amid the blaze of Klieg lights (street and entrance lights on the buildings) screen stars and celebrities...The stars were on the screen and the celebrities were the men and their families. Fort Canby's theater was finally opened presenting the film "Honky Tonk" to a capacity audience of over two hundred.

Started last July and amid delays that were almost discouraging to the construction crew composed of enlisted men of the fort the theater has been unofficially named the Young theater in honor of Col. Young who did so much to keep the project going.



What did you do in 2016?

By DAVID LEONHARDT
New York Times News Service

One day, Americans who were too young to have followed the 2016 campaign will look back and try to make sense of it.

They will want to know how such a dangerous person could have gotten so close to the presidency — a man who spoke of abandoning our allies, admiring foreign despots, weakening constitutional rights, and serially molesting women.

Those future adults may also pose a more personal question to their elders:

Mommy and Daddy, what did you do in response to Donald Trump?

It will be a fair question. The reality is, Trump could still win. It is unlikely, yes, but the gift he received from a surprisingly stumbling FBI shows that campaigns aren't over until they're over.

With seven days left, it is not too late for anyone alarmed by Trump to get involved. As it happens, Trump himself has pointed toward the best way to do so. Again and again, he has attempted to undermine democratic legitimacy, be it inviting foreign interference or flirting with voter intimidation.

The right response to anti-democracy is more democracy. It's also the way to defeat Trump. His paths to the presidency depend on large third-party vote shares and low turnout.

Fortunately, we know a lot more about how to encourage democratic participation than even a decade ago, thanks to a flowering of research in psychology and political science.

How to fight

Here, then, is a how-to guide for fighting Trumpism:

• First, obviously, you should vote. You knew that, but many people who intend to vote become way-laid — by a traffic jam, a sick kid or a work meeting. Make a detailed plan now, about when and where you will vote.

Voting plans increase voter turnout. In an experiment by David Nickerson and Todd Rogers, involving tens of thousands of phone calls, some people received a vague encouragement to vote. They were no more likely to vote than people who received no call. Other people received calls asking questions about their logistical plans — and became significantly more likely to vote. The questions nudged them.

• Second, tell other people about your plan, and ask about theirs. The power of peer pressure increases voter turnout. One aggressive experiment mailed people a sheet of paper with their own turnout history and their neighbors'. A more gentle experiment presented Facebook users with head shots of their friends who had posted an update about having voted. Both increased turnout, as have many other experiments.

You don't need an intricate effort to influence people, though. Post your own voting plan to Facebook, and ask your friends to reply with theirs. Text or call relatives in swing states and ask about their voting plans. Do the same when you see friends.

And when people tell you their plan, don't just nod and smile. Say that you expect to hear from them after they've executed their plan. "Social pressure is mighty persuasive," says Carolyn DeWitt, president of Rock the Vote.

• Third, with the people you feel most comfortable, consider taking the risk of talking politics. I'm well aware of how awkward the subject can be. I come from a close and politically diverse family, and we

avoid politics at most gatherings.

But this election is different. Trump threatens American values, threatens America's interests and — as is clear from the financial markets' dire view of a Trump presidency — threatens the economy.

It's worth reminding undecided voters in your life about who he is: what he has said about prisoners of war and the disabled, how he has humiliated women, how he has promoted online racism and anti-Semitism. Almost everybody loves somebody who is part of a group that Donald Trump has demeaned.

If you do talk politics, you'll have a lot of company. In each of the last three presidential campaigns, at least 40 percent of adults tried to influence someone else's vote, according to the American National Election Studies.

• Finally, it's not too late to volunteer to get out the vote. You can do so through a campaign's website or through a group like Rock the Vote, which is looking for volunteers who have a few spare minutes to call people and ask about their voting plans.

Other steps

You can also sign up with a non-partisan group to help protect voting rights. That work is vital, given the efforts to restrict rights. (In Texas, for example, some poll workers last week falsely told voters that they needed photo identification.) The Election Protection Coalition, a large, well-regarded group, is seeking both laypeople and lawyers to work at phone banks or polling sites.

One week from Tuesday night, the often-depressing campaign of 2016 will be over. Before it is, take a moment to imagine how it would feel to live in a country that had voted for and was run by Donald Trump.

Then go out and do your part to keep America great.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unnecessary

Measure 4-181 is completely unnecessary. Rather than a problem that begs for a solution, Measure 4-181 is a solution that begs for a problem. Transparency and public input already exist during the sale and/or disposal of city-owned assets. Moreover, Measure 4-181 contains several unintended consequences that would restrict the routine business of the city.

Measure 4-181 would require that the city be subject to a double-majority approval of the voters whenever the city would attempt to trade-in or sell an asset, or attempt to transfer a lease of a city-owned asset in excess of \$100,000. The city of Warrenton would be responsible for the cost of putting the sale on the ballot, which could be as much as \$9,000 to \$12,000 each time.

Even if the sale is approved by a majority of the voters, more than 50 percent of registered voters must have voted in that election. This would dictate that only November elections every two to four years could the petitioner be confident that a double-majority requirement be achieved since voter turnout is routinely low except during a presidential election.

Measure 4-181 would apply to equipment such as fire apparatus and to parts of the water and sewer systems. Measure 4-181 would apply to any leases of city-owned property that could be valued at more than \$100,000 over the term of the lease. Measure 4-181 could affect grants negotiated to assist social service agencies and community organiza-

tions as municipal partners.

The ability to transfer any leases or to transfer the ownership of assets after sponsoring a grant would be subject to this measure. Measure 4-181 would effectively eliminate city-owned leases and future grant sponsorship to worthy organizations.

Measure 4-181 is a solution that begs for a problem. It would cripple or eliminate many of the routine business activities of the city of Warrenton. The Warrenton City Commission strongly urges voters to reject Measure 4-181.

MARK KUJALA
 Mayor of Warrenton
 LINDA ENGBRETSON
 City manager
 WARRENTON CITY
 COMMISSION

Outdoor school

The slate of initiatives on this year's ballot gives us all a lot to think about, but one measure seems to stick out as an easy "yes" vote for me.

Ballot Measure 99 will dedicate a portion of lottery funds toward fifth- and sixth-grade Outdoor School programs. While Outdoor School was practically a right of passage for generations of Oregonians (I still have very fond memories of the experience), almost half of today's school kids are denied this program, as school funding has been cut back.

As a parent, I am always looking for educational opportunities for my child that don't revolve around screens and laptops, as many educational experiences in and out of

school seem to focus on these days. Outdoor School is often the first chance kids get to have a hands on, natural science curriculum in the actual outdoors.

Lottery funds have been prioritized for conservation, education and economic development. Outdoor School is the best way to expose kids to the science, technology, engineering and mathematical skills Oregon will need to power our 21st century economy, while instilling conservation values that will keep our state a great place to live. Please invest in the future by voting yes on Measure 99.

JACK HARRIS
 Astoria

Shortman for mayor

Watergate, Bridgegate, Barngate, Recordgate, Signgate, Recallgate, Rentalgate ... the city of Gearhart is like a listing ship that has lost the ability to right itself and sail with integrity. Fortunately, there are now two willing and viable candidates volunteering to lead the city. Sadly, they are running for the same position, so a choice has to be made.

Bob Shortman has years of life experience to right this listing ship. He has owned his own business and has successfully captained his own fishing boat. He may know a few things about sailing straight and true. Furthermore, he is not endorsed by the majority of the elected officials in the city of Gearhart. That alone recommends his candidacy for mayor.

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