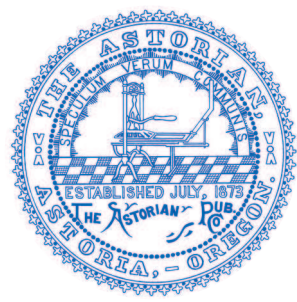


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Water under the bridge



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From the pages of Astoria's daily newspapers

10 years ago this week — 2006

Giving alcohol to minors is a crime and carries a fine of \$350.

Seaside High School students Melissa Sofge, 18, and Shina Saxton, 17, put 2,000 tags with that message on alcohol containers Thursday to remind adults not to give alcohol to minors during the New Year's Eve celebrations.

Saxton doesn't like underage drinking. "I find it stupid," she said. "Not very fun."

Seaside Police Chief Bob Gross pointed to the Diego Colin drinking fatality in April as an example of what underage drinking can lead to.

A New York bankruptcy court approved the \$4.25 million sale of Calpine Corp.'s property lease with the Port of Astoria to Leucadia National Corp. this morning.

As a result of the sale, Calpine's liquefied natural gas project manager Peter Hansen will move to the helm of LNG Development C., the subsidiary of Leucadia that will take over the lease of 94 acres on Warrenton's Skipanon Peninsula previously held by Calpine's Skipanon Natural Gas Co.

The Klootch Creek Giant remains standing, but for how much longer no one can say.

County officials will likely convene in a week or so to discuss the fate of the landmark Sitka spruce, which suffered serious damage in last month's windstorm.

North Coast residents awoke to a winter wonderland this morning, after a quick blast of weather dumped up to 10 inches of snow on some areas of the Oregon Coast.

50 years ago — 1966



This was the scene Wednesday afternoon as SP&S salvage crews began clearing the wreckage of a freight train that derailed near Svensen Tuesday night after plowing into a mud slide. The slide can be seen at the left rear and center. The engine hit the mud and two large trees, causing it to careen off the tracks and into a slough. Driver wheels from the engine are seen at lower right.

Today's issue of the Daily Astorian is printed on the first newsprint paper produced at the Crown-Zellerbach mill in Wauna. All future issues of the Astorian will be printed on paper from the new, modern mill.

An exodus of Job Corps trainees from Tongue Point to other urban centers was on in full force this week.

Trainees will be bused to Portland and then fly by commercial airliners to their new centers. Each group will be accompanied by a group life supervisor or cadre official.

KNAPPA — Newest housing development in this burgeoning community is Knappa Terrace, developed by Clarence Barendse a short distance northwest of Knappa crossroads and on a knoll overlooking the valley of Big Creek.

Barendse has laid out 16 lots, none smaller than a half acre, has installed water lines, power, natural gas and streets.

75 years ago — 1941

City police today closed commercialized vice establishments in Astoria and warned bootleggers to get out of business.

Chief of Police John Acton informed the city council Monday night that the action to close houses of prostitution would go into effect Tuesday. The city council heard the report without comment, but after adjournment, informally discussed the commercialized vice condition here.

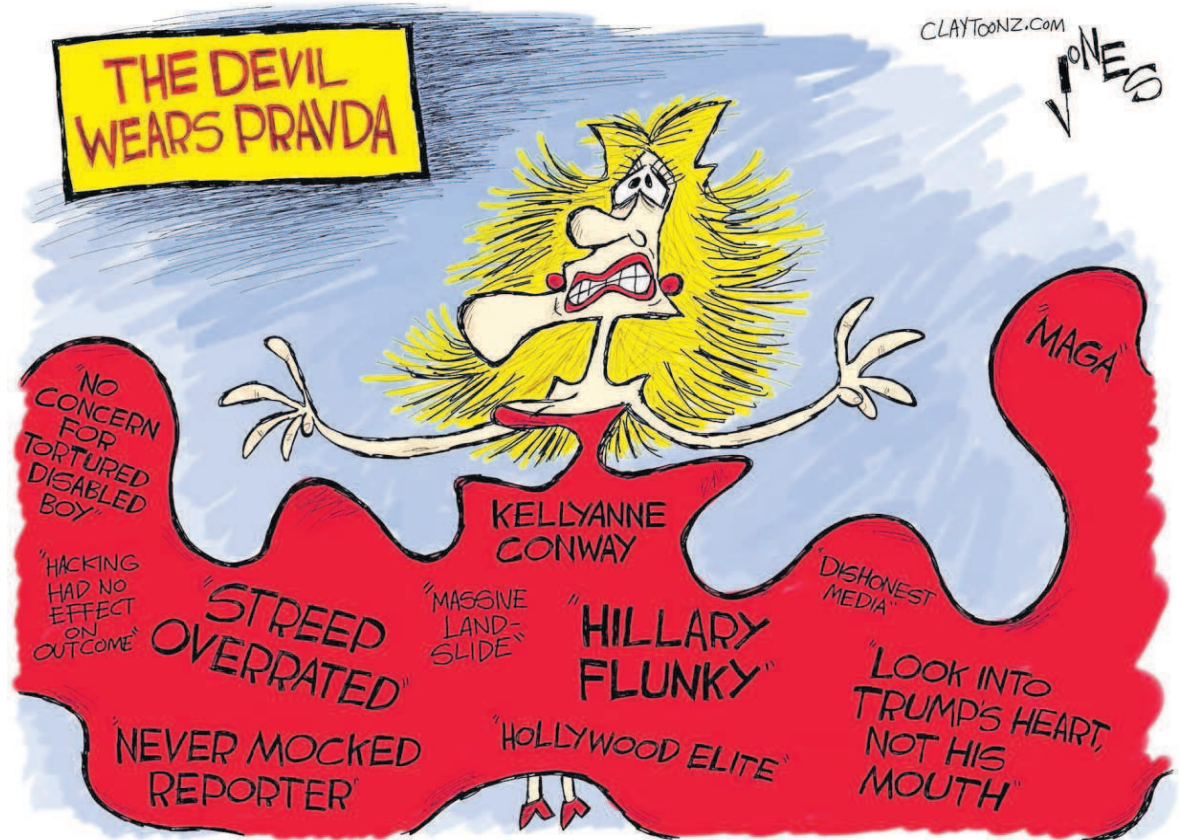
George T. McClean said the police were "closing" the town on their own decision and not because military authorities have complained of the existence of commercialized vice here, and have intimated that unless the situation is taken care of, the army will "clean up" the town under authority of the May act.

In the course of attempting to "clean up" vice conditions, which have thrived without any control around many enlarged and new army posts over the country, high military authorities have adopted a policy of stepping in to suppress prostitution in the vicinity of army posts unless civilian authorities did not ban it. This general plan for suppressing prostitution by the army has been held in abeyance here for some time because local military officials have recognized the remarkably effective way in which Astoria has controlled prostitution in this community.

Tucker creek and various sloughs in Clatsop County Sunday attracted skaters although the ice was thin. Despite the fact that skating is not an annual sport here many people had their shoes shod for the occasion. Some of the skates were from pioneer days.

The Pacific Northwest today kissed a \$173,000,000 annual tourist business goodbye.

Faced with tire rationing, halted automobile production, and possible gasoline rationing, leading tourist agencies of Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, summer playgrounds were relaxing their drive for the tourist dollar.



SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

Seaside City Council to continue in former Mayor Larson's tradition

By R.J. MARX

The Daily Astorian

Change came quickly in Seaside. Don Larson presided over his last meeting only two weeks before his death on Dec. 11. Now that is dedication to service.

The day after he died, the council swore in a new mayor, Jay Barber.

Larson would have applauded the efficiency and the devotion to civil service. He was dedicated to it the moment he began service after moving to Seaside on his retirement from the National Guard civilian team.

In 2006 he won re-election unopposed and proudly supported a \$4.65 million water tank, which succeeded with 75 percent of voters.

In 2008, his role in bringing a new library building to Seaside was so significant the Seaside Public Library is now called the Don Larson Building. In 2009, Larson won the Small City Award from the League of Oregon Cities.

Larson ran unopposed in 2010, but in 2014 he found himself with two challengers. Larson gained 62 percent of the vote against Angela Fairless and John Dunzer. At the time, he urged expansion of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, a goal he saw to fruition earlier this year.

In the years to follow, he also undertook the North Holladay Drive improvement project, recently completed and an aesthetic transformation for the roadway. Mayor Larson was there with the ceremonial scissors for the ribbon-cutting, despite the obvious impediments of his own medical hookups.

Larson wasn't afraid to cast a dissenting vote, as he did earlier this year in a land dispute involving a proposed hotel plan. Larson was the sole councilor to side with the hotel owner in that decision. During a lot-line dispute, Larson was the lone vote for a homeowner on the basis of precedent.

Yet, he could change his opinion on an issue, becoming a strong advocate of the passage of this year's bond to move Seaside's schools out of the tsunami zone.

Concerned about the impacts of cannabis legalization, he and councilor Dana Phillips voted against medical marijuana facilities in 2015, but ultimately joined council members in permitting its recreational licensing in Seaside. Their opposition led to restrictions keeping pot shops out of the city's downtown core.

The ability to "get out and talk with people" was an aspect that carried him through his entire political career in Seaside. "I'll just try to do my best," Larson said after his first mayoral election in 2002.

Councilor Don Johnson was awarded with recognition from the community and his fellow councilors.

"We were lucky to have the foundation of our past councilors," Johnson said. "Don (Larson) and the councilors were able to implement their plan, their foundation."

Johnson described it as an "honor and privilege" to serve the community.

Longtime friend

Larson's longtime friend and fellow councilor Barber, a pastor, former college president and seasoned public speaker, movingly eulogized Larson in City Hall and in the church. In an emotional meeting held



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Seaside councilors applaud Don Larson for his service in November.



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Councilors Don Johnson and Jay Barber at a council workshop in November.

the day after Larson's death, councilors unanimously endorsed Barber to fill the city's top spot.

Barber promised to continue Larson's legacy and commitment to the city.

"It's a great honor to be the mayor of any city, but particularly of a city as well-managed and run as this city," Barber said.

'I want to continue the legacy Mayor Larson has started over the last 14 years. His model of civility and community service is one we can all work to preserve.'

Jay Barber

Seaside mayor, speaking at his first meeting as mayor

His words were both a eulogy and a state of the union, in which he praised the community and its volunteerism.

Barber said he seeks to maintain the parity among the mayor and board members.

"I want to say no single one of us has more power than the other," he said. "Not the mayor, not the council president — we work as a body. When we make decisions we support that decision. We may not always agree, but when we make a decision, we move forward."

Six priorities

Barber laid out six priorities. "The No. 1 priority that I would like to continue: Mayor Larson's leg-

acy of civility, his love for our city and his openness to our citizens," he said.

Barber urged support for Seaside's police and fire departments, important ingredients of the city's quality of life.

Looking ahead, he gave a nod to Tom Horning, the Seaside geologist who won election to his first term, on a platform of tsunami preparedness.

Barber said he is concerned that the next urban renewal project has an opportunity to find funding for bridges, many of which are vulnerable to flooding or collapse in a Cascadia Subduction Zone event.

Part of the tsunami protection will begin with the new Seaside High School campus in the Southeast Hills. In order to start the project, the city will need to expand the urban growth boundary to provide utilities and roads.

Barber indicated he may seek to bring more land into the urban growth boundary not only for emergency shelter, but to open buildable areas buildable areas for low-income and affordable housing. "It's a high priority for the people who live and work here in our tourism industry," Barber said.

It is a tribute to the spirit and collegiality of Larson that he was able to preside over such a board of like-minded civic leaders. There will be plenty of shake-ups through natural events, but having a steady hand at the helm is something to be valued at all levels of government.

"I want to continue the legacy Mayor Larson has started over the last 14 years," Barber said at his first meeting as mayor. "His model of civility and community service is one we can all work to preserve."

"I have no more power than the other six members of the council, we have to work together to get things done, and that will be my goal to provide leadership in the two years we have left to get things done."

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