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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 — 2007

The cavalry — in the form of federal money — is coming to rescue the city of Astoria as leaders cope with costs of the big landslide.

The money will come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Oregon Emergency Management Office.

"The city of Astoria has done a tremendous job responding to this slide," state coordinating officer Abby Kershaw said. "They have taken steps to ensure the safety of their community and will now have the opportunity to offset some of the costs associated with this slide."

Federal rules will allow for up the three-quarters of the total spent by the community on emergency measures.

When the faculty at Astoria High School launched an independent scholarship fund in 1976, two graduates received \$250 awards the following spring.

Astoria High School Scholarships Inc. handed out its millionth dollar two years ago and will reach another major benchmark with this year's round of awards, when it presents its 1,000th scholarship at the 30th anniversary ceremony in June.

Another one-sixth of a mile of the Long Beach Peninsula's 26-mile public beach will be added to the Washington State Parks system this year — thanks to \$1.2 million from the 2007 Legislature.

One of the park department's highest priorities has been to add additional land in the Seaview dunes north of the existing Beards Hollow unit of Cape Disappointment State Park.

### 50 years ago — 1967



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Tony Mareno of Salem began digging for the fabled Spanish treasure of Neahkahnie mountain south of the headland Saturday. He said a large metal object was detected about 7 feet below rocks and sand. An unidentified skeptic stood on the digging site when picture was taken.

The magnificent stands of timber found throughout Oregon mean one thing to the economy of the state — dollars! Lumber from the state of Oregon is used in the construction projects in New England to paper bags in Arkansas.

Oregon leads the nation in production of lumber and related products and the lumber industry in the Astoria-Clatsop County area is responsible for a large share of the state's lumber output.

According to the latest Cooperative Extension Service analysis by Oregon State University, approximately 472,600 acres of the 515,200 acres in Clatsop County are forestlands. This indicates the importance of forest resources to the county.

Tony Mareno of Salem, digging for the fabled Spanish treasure at Neahkahnie, sunk a wooden caisson into the sand Monday where he believes the legendary treasure is located.

Mareno began scraping sand and rocks from the site on the beach directly in front of the town of Neahkahnie Saturday.

Mareno is digging for an "8 by 12 foot metal object" he found with a metal detector after researching the Neahkahnie treasure rocks and a other historical information for more than a year.

A family trade in trophies occurred Sunday noon when Don Murray and his wife relinquished their twice-won "Mountains to the Sea" perpetual trophy to this year's winners, their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Tom Waes, Seattle, who incurred only 46 penalties during the four check-pointed — course from Portland to Seaside. Waes and his navigator wife also won the best navigational award for the rally.

### 75 years ago — 1942

Someone in Seattle is circulating rumors that the Oregon Coast highway is closed and that people have to get special permits to drive to the Clatsop beaches and other coast points, police here reported.

Police said Monday that three parties had called at the police station Sunday to ask for permits to drive to Seaside, reporting they had heard in Seattle that such permits were needed. Police said the Astoria hotel had had similar inquiries.

A fair amount of early season tourist travel is coming through the community now in spite of war conditions, it is reported.

Because of war uncertainties, the concert committee decided at a meeting last night they would be unable to sponsor concerts next year, according to Mrs. R.K. Booth, chairman of the committee during the last two years.

It was felt that the audience would be cut because the fire shortage would prevent people coming in from outlying regions and that fuel shortages might create a heating problem.

An appeal for volunteers to man Astoria's new and vital air raid observation post on the very nose of the Astoria peninsula, near the Edward Elfving residence in Astor court was issued today by defense council headquarters.

More than 2,400 men between the ages of 45 and 65 will register in Clatsop County from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday in the fourth selective service call.



## The urgency of ethnic nationalism

By DAVID LEONHARDT  
*New York Times News Service*

Avirulent nationalism, tinged with bigotry, is on the rise across much of the world. It helped elect Narendra Modi in India and sustains Vladimir Putin in Russia. It has vaulted Marine Le Pen to the final round of the French election. She is the underdog in the runoff, but it's chilling to see that this weekend she seems to have won voters under age 34.

In the United States, Donald Trump won the White House despite — and partly because of — his disdain for Mexicans, Muslims and African-Americans and his flirtation with anti-Semitic tropes.

In the face of this ethnic nationalism, citizens often face difficult choices. They have to decide how much of a priority to place on combating it.

Should voters eschew their favorite candidate and vote for one with the best chance to defeat the nationalist? Should policy experts be willing to work in an administration that plays footsie with intolerance? Should a museum dedicated to fighting hate, like the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, host a hateful president?

These choices often end up being more complicated than they first seem, and I don't want to suggest otherwise. But a disturbing pattern is still emerging.

Too many people — well-meaning people on both the left and right — have grown complacent about nationalist bigotry. They are erring on the side of putting other priorities first, and ethnic nationalism is benefiting.

Let's start on the political left. And, no, I'm not about to lapse into false equivalence. Ethnic nationalism is largely a force of the right. But the left needs to decide how to respond, and it hasn't been effective enough so far. It has underestimated the threat and put smaller matters ahead of larger ones.

After France's first round of voting, the leftist candidate Jean-Luc Mélenchon refused to endorse the last person who can prevent Le Pen from becoming president, Emmanuel Macron. A Le Pen presidency, to be clear, would likely tear Europe asunder, marginalize French citizens who hail from Africa and the Middle East and lead to a big expansion of security forces. It would be the biggest victory for Europe's far right since World War II, by far.

Yet Mélenchon still won't back Macron — a centrist former banker who was until recently a member of the Socialist Party. It's a classic case of political purism that may feel



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Far-right candidate for the presidential election Marine Le Pen speaks during a campaign meeting in Paris in April.

good, but can do grave damage.

Just look at the United States. Updated presidential vote totals show that Trump's margins in Michigan, in Pennsylvania and in Wisconsin — which together would have swung the result — were smaller than the tally of Jill Stein, the Green Party candidate. It's impossible to know whether Stein's campaign cost Hillary Clinton the election, yet it clearly hurt. In a very close race, parts of the American left aided Trump.

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I understand that this point enrages backers of Stein and Mélenchon. They have real differences of opinion with center-left candidates, and they want to win those debates. But the final round of an election that includes a viable white nationalist isn't a time to hash out the future of progressive politics. It's a time to defeat racism.

A version of this dilemma also applies to the political center. Apolitical institutions have to decide whether they will treat eth-

no-centrists like Trump and Le Pen differently from other politicians. These institutions are right to resist becoming part of "the opposition," because society needs nonpartisan institutions. But they also have to avoid compromising their mission.

The Holocaust Museum has put itself in a tricky spot. It invited Trump to give a major speech Tuesday morning, much as previous presidents have done. Of course, previous presidents didn't retweet neo-Nazi sympathizers, vilify Muslims or try to airbrush Jews out of the Holocaust.

Maybe the museum's leaders are confident Trump will use the speech as a turning point, which would be wonderful. But by conferring the museum's prestige on Trump, those leaders have a new responsibility to call out future dog whistles from the administration. The Holocaust Museum has effectively invested in Trump.

Finally, there is the political right. Most Republicans despise the notion that their ideology makes room for bigotry. Theirs is the party of Lincoln and of individual freedom, they say.

Fair enough. But that history brings responsibilities. Today's Republican Party has plainly made room for white nationalism, via Steve King, Steve Bannon, Jeff Sessions and Fox News, not to mention the president.

If the Holocaust Museum is now invested in Trump, Republicans are really invested in him and his fellow nationalists. You don't get to call yourself the party of Lincoln and stay silent when voting rights are abridged, hate crimes are met with silence and dark-skinned citizens are cast as un-American.

I never expected to live through a time when bigotry would again be as ascendant. But we are living in that time, and it brings a new set of choices.

### WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY?

## 100 words for 100 days of Trump

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Saturday marks 100 days of Donald Trump's presidency.

To mark the occasion, we're asking readers to submit 100 words on the president's first 100 days. Whether it's about the man, his policies, his approach to the office or his accomplishments, we'd like to share your take.

Email your thoughts to [news@dailyastorian.com](mailto:news@dailyastorian.com) or drop them off at the Astoria office at 949 Exchange St. or the office in Seaside at 1555 N. Roosevelt. Please include a phone number and city of residence so we can verify your identity.

The deadline is Friday at noon. And be concise — 100 words goes fast.



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