

Divide: 'Messaging is really important'

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state Sen. Betsy Johnson, two of the most well-known politicians in the county, led a political action committee for the airport bond. But the vote was called on relatively short notice, the amount of the bond was reduced for technical reasons just weeks before the election, and the merits of the infrastructure investment became trapped within the bitter infighting at the Port.

Knight believes several factors doomed the vote, from the unexpected opposition from some on the Port Commission to the lack of a voters' pamphlet. He also thinks some voters in South County were apprehensive about making another financial commitment so soon after the \$99.7 million in bonds they approved last November to move three schools out of the tsunami inundation zone.

Port commissioners all said they supported Life Flight Network, but Commissioner Bill Hunsinger attacked the airport bond as a giveaway to special interests, while Commissioner Stephen Fulton, who was running for a second term in the May election, called it speculative development that should be rejected. Fulton and his slate of Port candidates lost the election, but they may have influenced the narrow 51 percent to 49 percent defeat of the bond.

"I don't think any of us were really prepared for the negative position, or the anti-bond measure information that was being put out there," Knight said.

The airport bond and the Port Commission elections received extensive coverage in The Daily Astorian, but Knight and others believe a voters' pamphlet would have helped educate voters about the issues at stake. The county does not typically publish voters' pamphlets for special district elections because candidates have balked at paying fees for the service.

"In this particular case, I think the voters' pamphlet could have been one of the more helpful documents for the bond measure," Knight said.

Unity

Warrenton Mayor Henry Balensifer, who works at Lektro, the aircraft tug maker at the airport, and who is a former chairman of the Port's Airport Advisory Committee, said the lesson from the airport bond is unity.

Subversion from within the Port Commission, the mayor said, likely confused and distracted voters. He said county commissioners, if

they decide to pursue a bond for a jail, will need to get fully behind a bond campaign.

"I think the real lesson here is the bond became an election issue more so than a bond issue," Balensifer said.

Sheila Roley, the superintendent of the Seaside School District, said she heard from people before the election who did not understand exactly why the Port was asking for the bond money.

Life Flight Network, which provides emergency medical flights, wanted financial help for a new hangar, while the other infrastructure improvements at the south end of the airport could have enabled future development at the regional hub. Taxpayers would have paid an estimated \$12.35 a year for property assessed at \$100,000 as the bond matured over four years.

"I did hear quite a few people mention their misunderstanding of what it was and why would we be voting for something that's going to benefit Astoria," Roley said.

Three of the four precincts in Seaside rejected the airport bond, as did precincts in Gearhart and Cannon Beach.

Roley said there is always a little bit of South County versus North County sentiment, but she believes the failure of the airport bond does not cloud a potential bond for a jail. She said it is easier for voters to see how a jail would benefit the entire county.

"I think that was fairly issue specific," she said of the May vote.

'Messaging is really important'

Clatsop County could place a bond for a jail on the ballot as soon as next year, when there are primary and general elections that typically draw more voter interest.

Voters in May 2012 turned down a \$14 million bond measure to expand the jail in Astoria. The measure failed 56 percent to 44 percent despite evidence of jail overcrowding and appeals from law enforcement, led by Sheriff Tom Bergin. Voter turnout was 52.6 percent, significantly higher than the 35 percent for the airport bond in May.

Scott Lee, the chairman of the county Board of Commissioners, favors putting bond measures on general election ballots where a broader slice of the electorate can decide.

More importantly, the county would need to craft a compelling rationale to convince enough voters from Astoria to Cannon Beach to vote more in property taxes. "I think messaging is really important," Lee said.

Clamming: Low tides will occur next week

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People have yet to go out and dig their limit, however — the tides have not been low enough. These low tides will occur next week.

The areas that are open are not as popular for clam digging as Washington's Long Beach Peninsula or Clatsop County's wide, open beaches near Fort Stevens State Park. The beds are much smaller — some are only 50-yards wide — and not as productive, said Matt Hunter, shellfish and phytoplankton project leader with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"They're nothing compared to what we find on the Clatsop

beaches, but there are razor clams out there," Hunter said.

Harvest remains closed from Cascade Head south to the California border and from Tillamook Head north to the Columbia River. This last area, known as the Clatsop beach area, is always closed from July 15 through Sept. 30 for razor clam conservation regardless of whether or not biotoxins are present. The earliest that razor clamming could open there is Oct. 1, depending on domoic acid levels in clams.

Now the main concern is the lack of recruitment — or young clams — fishery managers are seeing up and down Oregon's beaches.

Often razor clam demo-

graphics resemble a pyramid. Massive numbers of young clams form the wide base of the pyramid, but as you go up through the age classes, the number of clams starts to drop. A tiny collection of very old clams will form the pointed tip of the pyramid.

This season, those demographics resemble a diamond, Hunter said. The usual huge base of young clams isn't present at all, nor are there many old clams. Instead, 3- and 4-year-old clams make up the bulk of the population.

Washington shellfish managers have noted a similar drop in young clams in certain beaches along that state's coast.

"So the good news is the clams you're going to find are big," Hunter said. "The bad news is" — in the areas open now — "there aren't very many of them."

Though the population shift appears particularly drastic this year, fishery managers have seen these kinds of dips before. They seem to coincide with the ebb and flow of large climate cycles like El Niño.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture plans to continue testing for shellfish toxins weekly as tides permit. The department requires two consecutive clean tests to reopen any area closed due to high domoic acid levels.



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Vendors await attendees at a career fair for veterans in Astoria on Tuesday sponsored by the Lower Columbia Human Resources Management Association.

Veterans: Only a handful attended career fair

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"It's a reflection of the general population," Preston said. "Those who want to work are working."

Career fair

The effects of low unemployment among veterans were on display Tuesday in Astoria.

After seeing other organizations take action a few months ago, Lower Columbia Human Resources Management Association board members tossed around ideas for an event to help veterans. The association, comprised of human resources professionals, decided to organize something it had plenty of experience with: a career fair.

From 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 16 local businesses and labor groups — including Fred Meyer, Lektro, Providence Seaside Hospital, Tongue Point Job Corps Center, WorkSource Oregon and Wauna Federal Credit Union — gathered in the Fort George Brew-



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A career fair held specifically for veterans was held at Fort George Brewery's Lovell Showroom in Astoria on Tuesday.

ery's Lovell Showroom to connect with veterans looking for jobs. The problem: only a handful of veterans attended.

"It was really shocking, actually," said Stacey Brown, the communications director for the association.

Brown said while factors such as seasonal employment — higher in the summer — and the event's timing — a weekday afternoon — may have played a role, she discovered Tuesday the situation for veterans seeking work is

relatively healthy.

Vietnam era

Roughly half of the veterans living in Clatsop County from 2011 to 2015 had served during the Vietnam War era. As those veterans hit retirement age, veterans of the first Gulf War are progressively becoming the largest demographic in the veteran workforce, Preston said. Younger veterans, due to lack of experience and a shorter transition time from war to civilian life

than other soldiers, typically have the hardest time finding employment.

U.S. National Guard Capt. Matthew Zedwick earned combat awards such as the Purple Heart and Silver Star from a deployment to Iraq. After a Land Rover SUV exploded, he jumped on top of his squad leader, saving the man's life and injuring himself in the process.

He met with local businesses at the career fair and pitched some of the employable traits veterans possess: leadership and teamwork abilities, work ethic, punctuality and the ability to operate under pressure.

Throughout his career, Zedwick has also offered tips to fellow soldiers seeking employment. His main piece of advice is to learn skills that set job seekers apart.

"People already have the expectation and stereotype of what a soldier is," Zedwick said. "What kind of attributes, skills and talents are you bringing to the table?"

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												AUGUST 17	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News (N)	World News (N)	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Boy Band (N)		Net.Star "Cops vs. Sci-Fi Fantasy" (N)		The Gong Show (N)		KATU News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Boy Band (N)		Net.Star "Cops vs. Sci-Fi Fantasy" (N)		The Gong Show (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	The Wall "Erin and Rachel" (N)		SNL Update (N)	Superstore	The Night Shift (N)		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory "Kevin Can Wait"		Big Brother (N)		Zoo "Stakes on a Plane" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(35) Colbert
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory "Kevin Can Wait"		Big Brother (N)		Zoo "Stakes on a Plane" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)	Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Inside Edition	The Wall "Erin and Rachel" (N)		SNL Update (N)	Superstore	The Night Shift (N)		KGW News (N)	(35) Tonight Show
8	KRCW	(3) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N)		Whose Line (N)	Whose Line Is It?	News at 10 (N)	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
9	KOPB	(10) Mickela Mallozzi	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat "Outdoor Idaho"		The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "In the Guise of Death"		Independent Lens		The Last Laugh	
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Bea Shazam "Episode Eleven" (N)		Love Connection "Episode 11" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	2 Broke Girls
11	KPDQ	(6) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		Family Guy		American Dad!	Cleveland Show
12	KCPX	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bea Shazam "Episode Eleven" (N)		Love Connection "Episode 11" (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
13	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Guest (N)		Conan (N)	
14	KZJN	(22) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Friends	Friends	Seahawks Training Camp Special		Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
15	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NFL Football	Pre-season Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Jacksonville Jaguars (L)	Friends	Friends	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
16	ESPN2	(30) ATP Tennis Western & Southern Open (L)		Friends	Friends	WTA Tennis Western & Southern Open Round of 16				The Fantasy Show	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	Champ.Drive "Path to the Playoff"	
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	★★ The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie '04 Tom Kenny.				Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
18	DISN	(32) (05) Jessie	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Bizaardvark	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Bunk'd	Jessie
19	FAM	(34) (5:15) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 ('11) Emma Watson, Daniel Radcliffe.		★★★ Home Alone (1990, Comedy) Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Macaulay Culkin.								The 700 Club	
20	FMC	(35) (4:30) The Fault in Our Stars		(10) The Fault in Our Stars (2014, Drama) Ansel Elgort, Willem Dafoe, Shailene Woodley.				(45) FXM Presents	★★★ This Is the End (2013, Comedy) Jonah Hill, Jay Baruchel, James Franco.				
21	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy		Runway "Road to the Runway" (N)	Project Runway (SP) (N)			Date Night Live	Watch real dates happen in cities across America. (N)				
22	RFOOT	(4:30) NHRA Drag Racing		[BIG3 Basketball Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif.								UEFA Soccer Champions League	
23	FS1	(39) UFC Tonight		Main Event "Holm vs. Shevchenko" (N)	MLB Whiparound (L)			Speak for Yourself		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			
24	COKE	(43) (4:30) ★★★ The Blind Side ('09) Sandra Bullock.		★★ Remember the Titans (2000, Drama) Will Patton, Wood Harris, Denzel Washington.						The Mist "The Walking Dream" (N)		The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift	
25	SP1E	(44) (15) Futurama	(50) Futurama "Möbius Dick"	(25) South Park	South Park 1/2	South Park 2/2		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kevin Hart: I'm a Grown Little Man	
26	HIST	(45) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars "If the Pawn Don't Fit" (N)		Alone "Flesh and Blood" (N)		(05) Alone "Tales From the Island" (N)		(05) Trucker's (10) Alone	
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Red Brick/Last Kiss"		The First 48 "Old Wounds"		First 48 "Fatal Showdown/Deadly Text"		The First 48 "The Graveyard Shift" (N)		Murder of Laci P "Missing in Modesto"		(05) The First 48 "1000 Cuts/Draw"	
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Laura's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Randy's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Sean's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Laura's Story"	
29	DISC	(48) Alaska: The Last Frontier "Gold Rush"		Alaska/Frontier "Hunting Season"		Alaska/Frontier "Decision Time"		First in Human "Treatment" Bo Cooper recovers from a near-death experience. (N)		First in Human "Treatment"		First in Human "Treatment"	
30	NGEO	(49) South Africa "Land of the Giants"		South Africa "Killers of the Kalahari"		Life Below Zero "Burn the Midnight Oil"		Life Below Zero "Over the Moon"		Life Below Zero "Winter's Grip" (N)		Wicked Tuna "Karma's a Fish"	
31	TNT	(50) Bones "The Woman in the Sand"		Bones "Aliens in a Spaceship"		★★ The A-Team (2010, Action) Bradley Cooper, Jessica Biel, Liam Neeson.		★★★ Run All Night (2015, Action) Ed Harris, Liam Neeson.				The Departed ('06)	
32	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Fallacy"		Law&Order: SVU "Jersey Breakdown"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Betrayal's Climax"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Queen "La Noche Oscura Del Alma" (N)		The Sinner "Part III"	
33	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Jump For Bok Choy"		Chopped "We Love Leftovers!"		Chopped "Grill Masters: Battle Three"		Chopped "Betting on the Farm"		Beat Bobby Flay		I Hart Food	Beat Bobby Flay
34	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	FlipFlop ATL (N)	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	Desert Flippers (N)	Desert Flippers
35	FX	(56) (5:00) ★★★ The Avengers ('12) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.		★★ The Gambler (2014, Drama) Jessica Lange, Brian Larson, Mark Wahlberg.				Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
36	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
37	FNC	(58) The Five		Hannity		Special Report With Bret Baier		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson Tonight	
38	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Filthy Rich Guide	Filthy Rich Guide	Filthy Rich Guide	Filthy Rich Guide	Filthy Rich Guide	Filthy Rich Guide	Paid Program	Paid Program
39	BRVA	(63) Flipping Out "Unagi You Didn't!"		Flipping Out "What the Duck?"		Flipping Out "The End is Nigh"		Flipping Out (SP) (N)		Guide "Remember the Aqueduct" (N)		WatchWhat	Flipping Out
40	TCM	(64) (5:00) What a Woman! Rosalind Russell.		★★★ My Sister Eileen (42, Musical) Janet Blair, Betty Garrett, Rosalind Russell.		★★★ His Girl Friday ('40, Com) Rosalind Russell, Ralph Bellamy, Cary Grant.		★★★ Blade Runner (1982, Sci-Fi) Rutger Hauer, Sean Young, Harrison Ford.		(35) ★★★ Blade Runner ('82) Rutger Hauer, Harrison Ford.		The Feminine Touch Rosalind Russell.	
41	SYFY	(65) ★★ Legion (2010, Action) Lucas Black, Tyrese Gibson, Paul Bettany.											
42	RFD	(62) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America 'Live' (N)		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	