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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 — 2008

Cloaked in darkness and enveloped in fog, the Port of Portland's 16-story container crane snuck under the Astoria Bridge at 5:30 this morning while most of the town was still asleep.

For a few bleary-eyed onlookers, a glimmer of light atop the loaded Chinese ship Zhen Hua 17 gave the only indication of just how close it came to touching the span as it slipped by.

According to Columbia River Bar Pilot Capt. Mike Tierney, who was at the helm during the crossing, it came pretty darn close. Three Port of Portland engineers perched on the 185-foot crane measured just 4 feet of clearance.

"They high-fived the beam as they went underneath it," said Tierney.

As Tierney and Bar Pilot Capt. Gary Lewin steered the ship toward the bridge, they had to speed up to beat a wall of fog rolling in. Thick fog could have delayed the crossing by blocking the laser the engineers use to measure the clearance.

Not so fast, Clatsop County.

Opponents of the Bradwood Landing liquefied natural gas project may still find a way to block the recent approval of the land use application for the \$600 million LNG receiving terminal and sendout pipeline 20 miles east of Astoria.

Last week, after six months of deliberation, the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners signed the paperwork approving 27 changes to county land use laws that grant Bradwood Landing project developer Northern Star Natural Gas Inc. a Land Use Compatibility Statement, a key local piece of the federal LNG permitting process.

Since then, a group of county residents has been working on a ballot referendum that, if passed, would reverse on the county's approvals and punch a hole in the project.

The referendum would ask voters if they approve of the county board's decision to allow natural gas pipelines to run through land zoned for open space, parks and recreation (OPR) with a conditional-use permit. Before the Bradwood landing decision, pipelines were not a permitted use in OPR zones.

50 years ago — 1968

The City Council will seek a consultation with the Clatsop County commissioners regarding future use of the property at



Columbia River Bar Pilot Capt. Robert Johnson
The 16-story container crane arrives in Hammond in 2008 after making a monthlong, 5,800-mile journey across the Pacific Ocean from Shanghai, China.

Sixth and Commercial which the city has used as a children's playground for many years.

The county owns the property and recently asked the city parks and recreation commission that it be returned to the county for use as a parking lot.

The parks and recreation commission recommended to the council that the city retain the property for playground use.

Astoria-bound barge 535, owned by Pacific Inland Navigation company of Vancouver, turned turtle at 1 a.m. Wednesday at the western tip of Wallace Island near Westport, spewing part of its oil cargo into the Columbia River.

Coast Guard sources said oil could be traced from the site of the mishap around Puget Island and as far west as the mouth of the river.

Extent of the impact of Tongue Point Job Corps Center on the economy of Astoria and Clatsop County is indicated in a report issued by the University of Oregon, which operates the center under contract with the federal office of Economic Opportunity. The report covers cost information from the center's inception to Oct. 31, 1967.

Between Dec. 15, 1965, when work was started to convert the former naval air base into a training facility for disadvantaged youth, and the end of October 1967, total expenditures of the center were \$14,360,773. This included salaries and wages, payroll assessments, materials and services, travel, equipment overhead and modification and rehabilitation of the base.

While not all of the \$14,360,773 total was spent in the immediate area, much of it was, a center spokesman said.

75 years ago — 1943

Operations of Astoria's laundries are at a standstill today as a result of a decision of members of the local laundry workers union and truck drivers union at a special meeting Wednesday night to cease work until their demands for higher wages are granted.

Waters near Grays Harbor, Washington, were being searched today for three Navy flyers missing after heavy seas Saturday swamped both a medium-sized Navy plane and a larger craft trying to rescue its crew members.

Astoria hotel operators are facing a critical situation today by reason of the closing of the two local laundries Thursday morning. While rumors of military intervention are rife on the street, there are no actual developments in the laundry situation.

Alleged troubles from food rationing is no excuse to give for the closing of restaurants, George Peeke, chairman of the food panel of the rationing board, declared today in a sharp rebuke to a number of eating places which have closed recently.

The ration board is not trying to put any restaurant out of business, Peeke declared. Rather, this is a time when every restaurant is needed as the city's population continues to grow.

Astoria laundry workers are back on the job today at the Troy and Crystal laundry plants, closed since Thursday morning.

GUEST COLUMN

Roley honored with 'breaking barriers' award

When I moved from Portland to live at the coast, my friends were concerned that I would be lonely and isolated. What they didn't know was that I had come to a community of beauty and talented people.

Dr. Sheila Roley, superintendent of the Seaside School District, is one of those special individuals who lives in our coastal town.

I first heard about Roley when she was the Seaside High School principal. A grandmother of one of her students told me how she started the high school's talent show — she came out on stage singing, "I'm so excited." The audience roared. Our Seaside AAUW (American Association of University Women) branch joins in cheering for her.

Not only does Roley instill energy in her students, she tackles large projects with great enthusiasm as well. Our branch had the honor of working with her as we supported the effort to pass the new school bond. The bond passed with overwhelming support from the community.

Having become aware of her accomplishments, the Seaside AAUW honored Roley with our Breaking Barriers Award at its "Spring into Fashion" style show in April 2017. Recipients are chosen based on their exceptional ability to break barriers for women and children. We then put her name into nomination for recognition by the Oregon AAUW. Much to our delight, she was selected and the state organization will honor her with their statewide Breaking Barriers Award on April 21 in Hillsboro. She



Seaside Principal Dr. Sheila Roley hugs students during the 2016 Seaside High School graduation ceremony.

will be honored for her accomplishments in promoting education and equity for girls and women, not only in Clatsop County but throughout the state, as a mentor for aspiring school leaders.

Roley has been a part of the educational community of Seaside since 1990, serving as a teacher, elementary school principal, middle school principal, high school principal and now superintendent of the school district. She was Seaside's first female high school principal and superintendent.

She graduated from college in the field of fisheries biology from the University of Washington. She later obtained her teacher certification from Seattle University and ultimately her doctorate in education from Lewis and Clark University.

She says she "chose education as a career because I thought it would not be that hard, I would have lots of time off and I probably would not do it very long. Turned out it was really hard work, not much time off and I am still at it after 30 years. And it is the best career



Sheila Roley

decision I could have made."

Indeed, we are lucky to have such a dedicated woman leading our young people and educators in Seaside. Dr. Douglas Dougherty, superintendent emeritus, writes, "Sheila Roley is one of the

very best administrators I have had the pleasure to work with. I feel fortunate to have her dedication and expertise serving the staff, students and parents of Seaside School District."

The Breaking Barriers award is presented annually at the "Spring into Fashion" style show, which raises money for local scholarships. One of the ways we carry out our mission to advocate for women and girls is to give three scholarships annually — to women returning to school, girls who are the first in their family to attend college, and a woman or girl who has demonstrated an exceptional ability to break barriers.

This year the style show will be held May 12 at the Astoria Golf and Country Club, from 2-4 p.m. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for students. More than 10 merchants will feature their clothing. Finger sandwiches and dessert will be served. Tickets are available at Beach Books in Seaside or by contacting Linda at SHARLU@hotmail.com.

Cindy Gould is president of the Seaside chapter of the American Association of University Women.

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