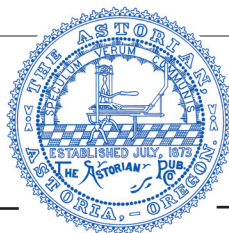


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## Water under the bridge



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From the pages of Astoria's daily newspapers

### 10 years ago this week — 2008

At about 1:30 p.m. Saturday, the U.S. Coast Guard rescued a kite surfer in Half Moon Bay, after he became exhausted off Westport, Wash.

Around the same time, a Coast Guard crew pulled an 18-year-old woman from waters near Grays Harbor, Wash., her energy sapped after a struggle in unexpectedly tough conditions while surfing.

Within the hour, a man was reported missing in the surf off Seaside. He made it back to shore, apparently barely scraping by. After collapsing, he was taken to the hospital.

The surge in search-and-rescue activity is "standard for this time of year," said Bob Coster, a civilian search and rescue controller at Coast Guard Group Astoria.

"People don't remember how dangerous it is," Coster said this morning. "They get out there, underestimate the conditions and get in trouble."

A formal request from Bornstein Seafoods Inc. to lease parking space on Pier 1 drew protests from Port of Astoria commissioners Larry Pfund and Bill Hunsinger at a special board meeting Tuesday.

Bornstein is planning to make its processing plant at the Port into a tourist attraction called the Oregon Fish Factory, which would invite visitors to see fish processing in action and learn about the seafood industry.

To accommodate the influx of visitors, the company is looking to pave a parking lot on 26,500 square feet (0.61 acres) of land just north of the plant on Pier 1.

That concept didn't sit well with Pfund and Hunsinger, who said they'd prefer to reserve the pier space for water-dependent commerce.

Illwaco High School won its first state golf championship Wednesday, as Jack Whealdon, Todd Oakes, Ryan Kukula, and Patrick Whealdon amassed 86.5 points, enough to defeat Charles Wright Academy by five points on the links-style course at North Bellingham Golf Course in the Washington state 1A golf tournament.

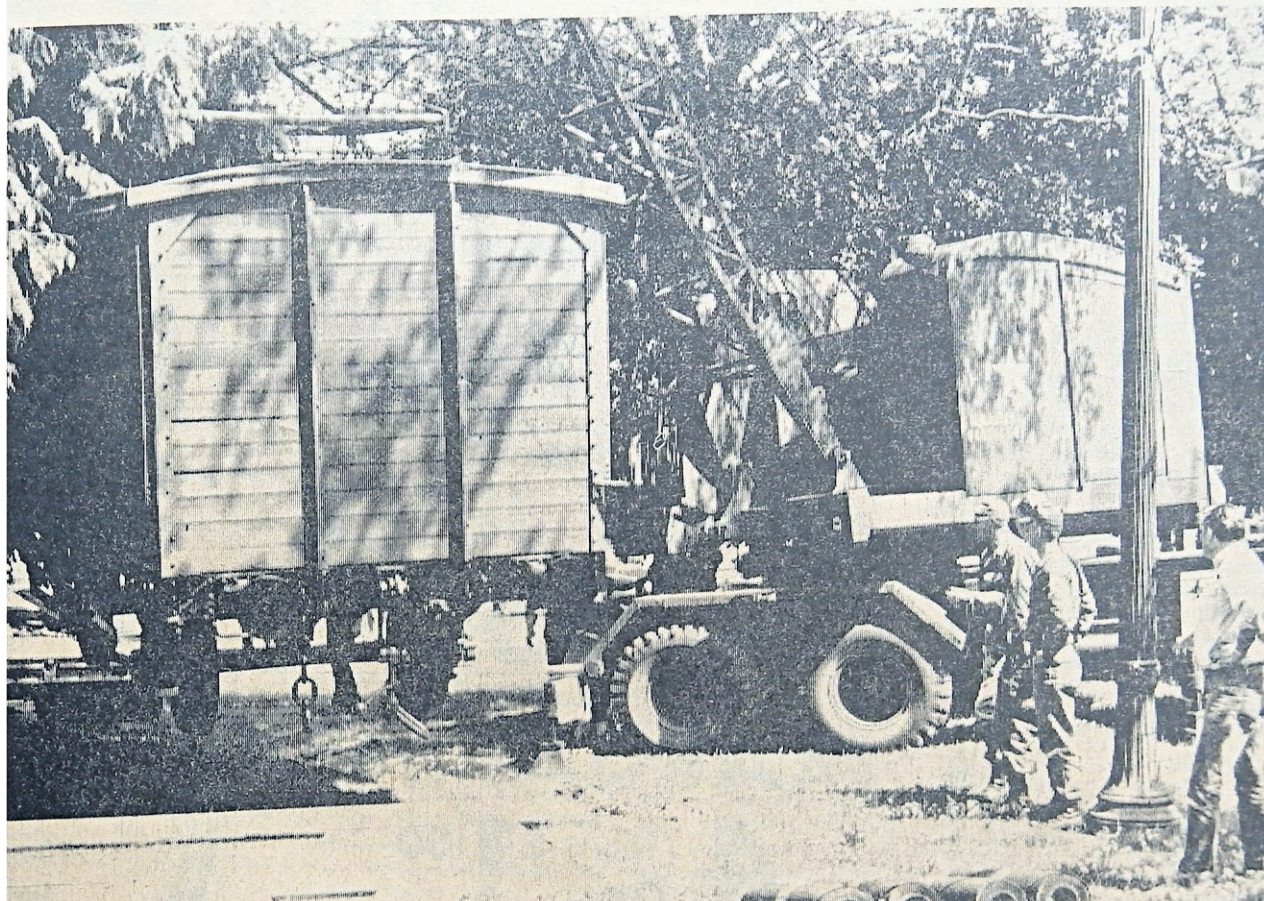
### 50 years ago — 1968

Nez Perce braves trotted out of the forest and threw themselves prostrate at the feet of Snoqualmi, war chief of the Wallamets.

Across a flickering camp fire, a war party of Yakimas crouched behind portable undergrowth, awaiting the signal to attack.

Off to the south toward Saddle mountain, the whole world seemed to explode in the glare of red fire, bursting rockets and the concussion of dynamite.

## Historic Boxcar Moved to Museum Grounds



The historic boxcar given to the state of Oregon by the Republic of France arrives in 1968. It's an exact replica of those which carried 40 men or eight horses from Paris to the front-line trenches of World War I. Members of the local 40 and 8 brought it from Salem, painting and restoring its exterior and wooden shields representing the provinces of France. The boxcar is now on display next to the Fort Stevens visitor center.

It sounds fantastic but it actually happened back in 1911 when Astorians celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of their city.

The Astoria of 1911 was a sprawling, brawling lumber and seaport town where sailors, loggers, fishermen and cannery workers met to blow off steam.

As the Daily Astorian remarked, "the town was feeding its oats."

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy flew into Clatsop Airport an hour late this morning and was mobbed by about 750 people, with young predominating.

The senator and Mrs. Kennedy followed a procession of reporters and cameramen off his big four-engined plane, right into a charging mass of humanity that stormed up to the plane ramp.

Kennedy spoke a few brief words through a bull horn at the foot of the ramp, commenting on "this beautiful part of this beautiful state," and urging that we all work together in a common endeavor."

### 75 years ago — 1943

The navy department bureau of ships has advised Senator McNary that if additional drydock facilities are needed on the Pacific coast, Astoria will be again be considered as a site. This is in reply to representations by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce which has for some time urged the Astoria location.

Previously, it is explained, Astoria was passed by

because other locations were more advantageous. The bureau further said that a private company might construct a marine railway at its own expense and if this materializes the project will be approved by the bureau.

The Secretary of Navy has approved a \$74,500 barracks building at the U.S. Naval Air Station here, to house 170 WAVES to be assigned to local naval installations, it was learned today from Washington.

Eighty-five Clatsop County 4-H club girls and boys will leave Tuesday morning for Corvallis, where they will spend 10 days on the Oregon State college campus, attending the annual 4-H club summer school. Approximately 1,600 boys and girls in 4-H work are expected to attend from over the state.

At summer school, activities include classes pertaining to agriculture and home economics in the mornings. This year's class program will emphasize food production and preservation, fire prevention, farm machinery repair, and other important war topics.

The week of May 31 to June 5 was proclaimed today "Clean-up and Paint-up week" in Astoria by Mayor Orval Eaton, with all citizens asked to cooperate in the campaign.

While the more practical phases of the clean-up drive include the elimination of fire hazards, Mayor Eaton declared that the general appearance of the city is also of importance at this time when many visitors and newcomers are arriving in Astoria every day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Nothing glorious about sand dunes

I'm writing in response to the misguided letter regarding the sand dune management at Cannon Beach ("Dune management plan hijacked by homeowners," The Daily Astorian, May 17).

The writer contends that the current discussions involve a "small, vocal minority of beach owners looking to restore their view." However, we consist of 70 homes, which, if stretched out, would probably cover the entire length of Cannon Beach.

Far from being "self-centered," we have, for over 40 years, made significant contributions to the well-being and economic prosperity of Cannon Beach, by using local service vendors, supporting community activities and paying our fair share of taxes.

When we bought our beach home 27 years ago, we enjoyed the pristine views for which Cannon Beach is justifiably famous. Now, some misguided folks believe this natural state should embrace something entirely different — namely, walls of sand.

I've never heard anyone stand at the bottom of Second Avenue and suggest that the view would be more beautiful if one looked out at a 20-foot wall of sand, or faced a dangerous 40-foot steep drop down a cliff to reach the beach. However, that is exactly what opponents feel is appropriate for the residents north of Ecola Creek.

The writer quotes Tom McCall's Beach Bill calling for "equal rights to enjoy 380 miles of glorious coastline." There is nothing glorious



ous about the ugly, dangerous and unnatural sand dunes, and nothing equal about a call for action against the Breakers Point citizens of Cannon Beach.

DEREK and LYDIA LIPMAN  
Cannon Beach

### Thanks to voters for their confidence

A run for office is long, complicated and tiring — and that is not just for the voters. I want to thank all the people who worked so hard for my campaign for House District 32 representative. There were countless hours spent knocking on doors, putting up signs, talking to voters and debating the merits of our ideas with people across multiple counties. I deeply appreciate your help.

My congratulations go to Tiffany Mitchell on her primary victory. We shared similar concerns for the environment and social issues, and I hope she will continue to champion those causes in the general election. Lastly, I want to thank the vot-

ers who put their confidence in me. While I did not win the election, I do feel I won over many people to my way of looking at how elective office should be pursued: not with dollars, but with ideas. Your support has inspired me to continue finding additional ways to serve you.

JOHN ORR  
Astoria

### Happy for slow drivers and relaxed pace

The road between San Antonio, Texas, and Houston is approximately 200 miles. It is a multi-lane freeway which is almost level and straight. The speed limit is 75 miles per hour. It is a speedway. I drove this for 17 years just to get home. It didn't include the 40-minute commute to and from work, or driving in the enormous city of Houston, which can be another mind-blowing experience.

Anyway, I felt Portland was easy when I traveled, but what was really easy when I traveled was the

highway to Astoria. The speed limit is 55 mph — like a breath of fresh air. Of course, being human, some go over the speed limit. Still, it is good driving if you stay between the lines.

Now I live in Astoria. What a driving change. People can still be reckless, but the problems are different. One is a person pulling in front of you from a side street, when you are going 25 mph. Another is looking at the hills and houses, and taking the road for granted. Still another is being very careful when stepping out of the passenger side of a vehicle on Commercial Street in downtown Astoria.

Here we have a city with 18-wheelers hauling lumber through the center past vintage and art shops. I am happy to be here among the slow drivers and relaxed pace. Driving in Astoria is where, if you're careful, you can drive and take in the different landscape. This has its own beauty.

NORM HOOGE  
Astoria

### The crazy adventure called high school

I always heard people say "High school flies by, enjoy it while it lasts," but I never knew how right they were until now. I am currently a senior, in my final days at Knappa High School. It is crazy to me, because it feels like just yesterday I was a scared little freshman, thinking these four years would last forever.

Now that my remaining time is short, I am currently making my final decision of the college

that I will be attending in the fall. As I write this letter, I find myself being the person giving the advice I always heard while growing up: Cherish your moments in school, love your friends, and live your life to the fullest, because it can all change in a blink of an eye.

JADEN MIETHE  
Astoria

### Always appreciate your loved ones

Where would you be in life without the ones you hold so dearly? You probably thought of a certain someone. Sadly, we don't appreciate the people in our lives enough who are the glue that hold us together.

Life is short, and you are unable to predict what will happen — tomorrow is not certain. To appreciate the people in your life can be as simple as telling them thank you, writing a heartfelt letter, or letting your actions speak by completing little actions. It's truly the thought that counts.

PARIS VANDERBURG  
Astoria

### Emergency care at CMH is a blessing

When you need professional help, and when you come from out of town, knowing you have from Columbia Memorial Hospital is a blessing in disguise. Great care by Dr. Anthony Ferroggiaro. I'm glad he was there when I needed emergency care. Without him, there would be no me.

LUKE RUMMEL  
Wenatchee, Washington