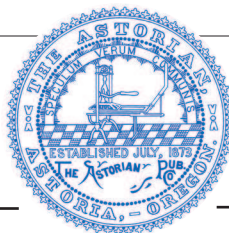


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Water under the bridge

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10 years ago this week — 2008

Overcast skies threatened as Chinook Indian Nation leaders prepared for a ceremony outside the Columbia River Maritime Museum Friday afternoon.

Curiosity about the event enticed between 80 and 100 people to wander over and get a glimpse of what was going on.

But stormy weather never materialized as the Chinooks presented the museum with its ceremonial flag, a red Chinook-Indian-stylized salmon on a white field.

"It never rains on our events," said Ray Gardner, the Chinook Nation Council chairman, as he presented the flag to Dave Pearson, the museum's acting executive director. "I can remember when I was a child, coming to this museum and wondering, 'Why did they not have a Chinook flag?'"

He said no one traveled up and down the lower Columbia River more than the Chinook. The Chinook controlled all trade that went up and down the river. No one came without trading, he said.

"We were the first bar pilots," Gardner said. "When the longboats capsized, we would go out and lead them in."

Gardner said the Chinook were here when Capt. Robert Gray entered the mouth of the river in 1792, and later when Lewis and Clark showed up. As the Lewis and Clark expedition was huddled against the storms along the northern shore of the river, its members were amazed to see Chinook canoes plying the waters, he said.

"Being a museum that deals with maritime issues, it is appropriate that our flag is here," Gardner said.

50 years ago — 1968

Astoria's ancient ferry landing and dock at the foot of 14th will go on the auction block at 3 p.m.



From left, Tony Johnson, Chinook Cultural Committee chairman, Lisa Elliot, Chinook Council member, and Sam Robinson, the Chinook Council vice chairman, sing and drum a prayer song during a flag-gifting ceremony at the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

Thursday, according to officials of the Oregon State Highway department, owner of the property. Officials said minimum acceptable bid will be \$35,000, equaling an offer already received for the facility.

A commercial shrimp net which holds the shrimp but discards other fish has been undergoing tests off the coast for the past two weeks.

Developed by the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in Seattle, the new net is being tested in competition with a conventional net aboard the Astoria-based troller Washington.

"It's a good net and will be better as soon as some modifications are made," said Art Anderson, skipper of the Washington. He has been accompanied during the experiments by Bill High of the federal bureau.

Bureau experts reported 800 pounds of fish in a 2000-pound catch using a standard shrimp net. Using one of the new nets, the Washington then hauled in a 2000-pound catch containing one percent fish. The other hauls made with the new net were completely free of fish.

Knappton Towboat company was sole bidder Thursday afternoon when the Oregon State highway department sold the 14th Street ferry landing for \$35,000.

Property purchased by the Astoria firm included 1.38 acres of land, adjacent to the firm's present dock, a frame office building, warehouse, deck space and the old ferry slip.

75 years ago — 1943

Donald Hughes, navy soundman first class who returned this week on leave from 13 months of duty on the high seas, said he saw two Astorians while aboard his ship in the south Pacific.

Hughes said Allen Rytsala of Astoria was aboard a ship that came alongside Hughes' ship Christmas morning last year. Hughes said Rytsala had written him a letter, which had been delayed two months in transmission, and that he saw Rytsala a day after he received the letter.

Hughes said he saw George Fullton on September 7, shortly before Hughes left for the country.

JAMBOREE! - WHO: All folk in Clatsop County.

WHAT: Milk Fund Jamboree.

WHEN: USO building Astoria. Entrance through main doors on Exchange Street.

WHY: To establish a fund for furnishing milk to undernourished, underprivileged school children throughout the county.

Note: Men and women in uniform of armed forces admitted free of charge.

Miss Marian Frances Schauer of Astoria completed her enlistment in the WAVES this week and thereby joined her three brothers in the U.S. armed forces, according to recruiting specialist Hal Eustis of the navy recruiting substation, Astoria, which handles applications for WAVES in the Seaside-Astoria area.

Miss Schauer's brother, Lt. Raymond Schauer, U.S. Army Air Corps, fought through the Philippine campaigns and was captured by the Japs. He was reported missing in the action more than a year ago. His family had no word from him until a letter came two months ago revealing that he was alive and incarcerated in the Philippines.

Two other brothers are in the U.S. Army Air Corps; Ernest Schauer, formerly of Seaside, now is an aviation cadet in training at Santa Ana, Cal., and another brother, Howard Schauer, Sandy, Ore., was recently sworn in and is now awaiting call to active duty.

SEASIDE - Harold E. Hawkins of Seaside was arrested here September 21 for driving 50 miles and hour in a 25 mile zone. His license was suspended for one year.

Donald Duane Hayes of Portland was arrested September 25 for driving with bright lights in the dimout zone and forfeited \$7.50 bail.

Albert Kehrl of Portland was arrested on September 26 for driving 48 miles an hour in a 25 mile zone and forfeited \$15 bail.

LETTERS

A place of beauty

I am at the wharf on 11th Street, and I look at the Columbia. What a place of beauty. Just look at the river, and see the water. Almost every day it gives you different shades of color and surfaces.

Now look at the birds looking down, then swooping into the water, while others fly over. Then there are the cargo ships and other small vessels. One day I counted nine cargo ships coming out, under the bridge and into the Pacific.

To me, the river always brings out the joy of living here. I like the calmness of the summer sea as well as the rugged sea of the winter months. I look, I stare, I try to meditate. If I concentrate on the water leaving the town in the background, I find a serenity apart from my daily existence.

A thought is, "Who has the time for this?" I say anyone who wants to stop for a few minutes.

Actually the river view is a constantly changing panoramic. As it moves in slow motion it is a changing picture framed by the clouds and mountains of Washington. Watch the sun set over our lovely city and mighty river. This is something that you can't buy. It is given to you. I walk away feeling an inner calm and freshness.

The river has strengthened and helped me go forward in my life journey. It is a gift of nature — a place of beauty.

NORM HOOGE
Astoria

Thanks for going way beyond normal

As a loyal reader of The Daily Astorian, I was sorry to learn that our longtime delivery driver had some health issues. He could no longer continue with his route.

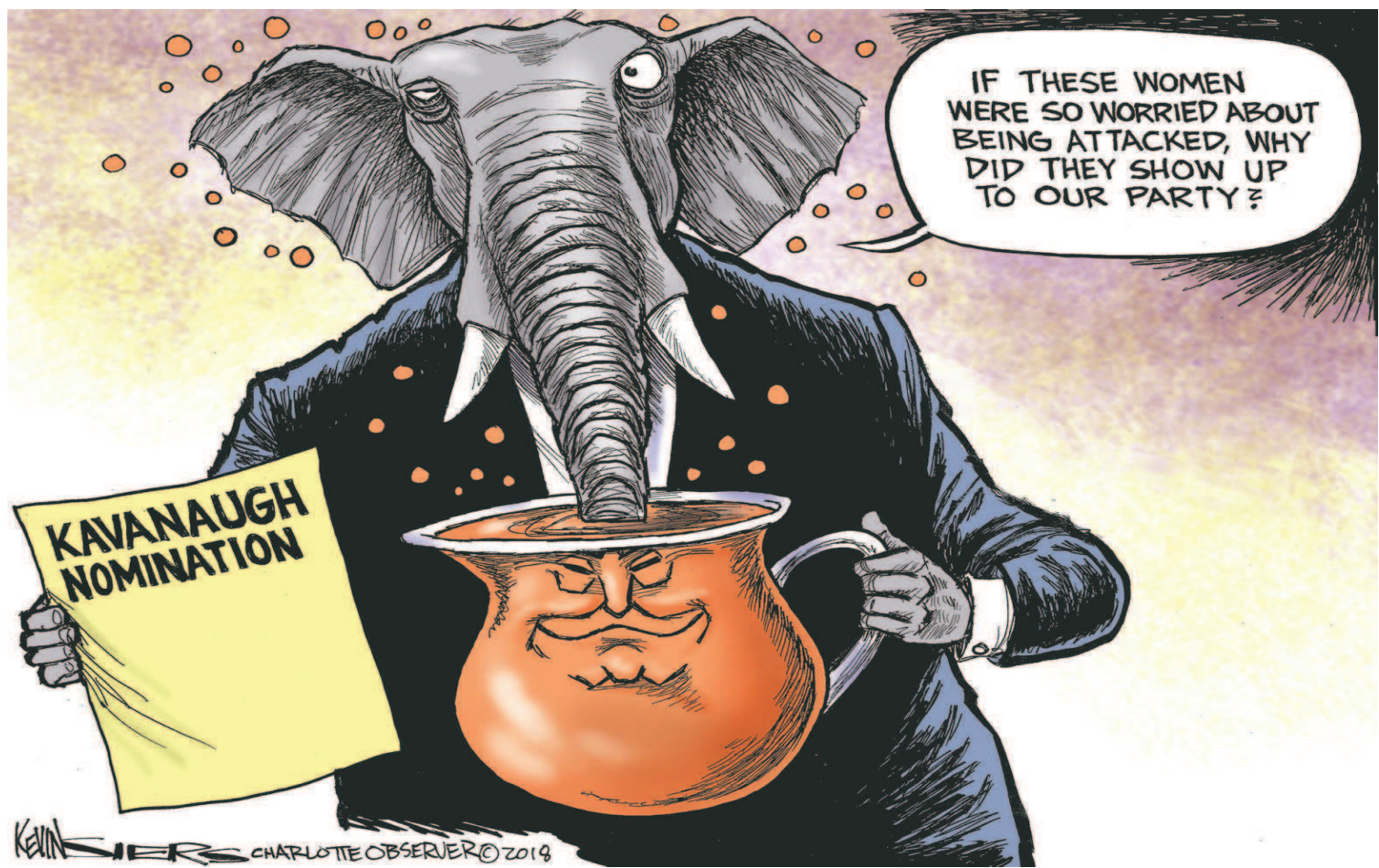
The purpose of my letter is to pay tribute to the employees of the circulation department. They rose to the challenge. Training new drivers, and fielding telephone calls, many of them mine. We even had the manager of that department, Jeremy Feldman, hand-deliver my paper one afternoon.

Everybody there stepped up and went way beyond their "normal" procedures. Thank you, to all of you.

BERNADINE THOMAS
Warrenton

Recreation district, director do a great job

I am writing in response to "Vote 'no' on Rec District ballot measure" (Seaside Signal, Sept. 14). This letter contained many negative statements about the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District and the executive director, Skyler Archibald. I felt prompted to share some of my experiences



My family and I moved to the area a little over two years ago. During the past two years, my children and I have had the opportunity to participate in many of the wonderful activities and programs offered by the recreation district, our favorites being their swimming lessons and the SMART Start sports programs.

The lifeguards and instructors do an absolutely excellent job with the children. I know of families who drive from Astoria to participate in the swim lessons in Seaside because of the excellence of their swim lessons and instructors. I have had nothing but positive interactions with the recreation district, as well as with their executive director. I feel that Skyler Archibald does a fantastic job, and maintains a truly excellent staff.

I am very much looking forward to when the ballot measure passes, and the recreation district will be able to expand and improve an already great facility.

NINA BIASI
Gearhart

Warrenton government needs different leadership

A local volunteer for John Washington, who is running for mayor of Warrenton, visited my home this week and delivered a single-page document that listed six reasons why he feels the Warrenton City Commission does not provide enough information to the voters of Warrenton/Hammond.

I was told that 2,500 residences are being visited by John Washington and his volunteers, in an effort to inform as many local residents as possible of his specific complaints.

I hope any voters who are visited and handed one of these single-page documents will read both sides completely before they decide the person they would like to vote for as Warrenton mayor in the upcoming election on Nov. 6.

The position of mayor of Warrenton is the public voice of the city. I believe this city needs different leadership to reverse the history of not providing sufficient information to the voters. The Warrenton city government seems to feel that you must physically attend all public meetings they hold if you want to know what is happening in the city and, even then, you may not get the full story.

TESS CHEDSEY
Warrenton

Vote Herman for Astoria City Council

I'm writing in support of Joan Herman for Astoria City Council. Over the years I've seen Joan excel in many endeavors, including her awesome off-road biking feats. Joan can't ride bikes anymore, but her indomitable spirit is as strong as ever.

After years of peripheral awareness of Joan's accomplishments, I recently got to know Joan up close, working at Coast Community Library. I have found Joan to be fair, fearless, honest to a fault and genuinely motivated to help keep Astoria livable for all.

Don't let Joan's gentle manner fool you; Joan is not afraid to ask the tough questions, and has the energy and commitment to address issues with facts and well-considered solutions.

I could go on. Joan's been prolific in her

pursuits, but I'll end here, and encourage you to vote for Joan Herman for City Council.

JD WELLS
Astoria

Vote Jones for mayor of Astoria

Bruce Jones has dedicated his life to serving our community since 2011. Bruce initially came to Astoria as commander of the Coast Guard Sector Columbia River. He supervised over 700 civilian, active duty, reserve and auxiliary members, keeping our shores safe and commerce unobstructed.

After retirement, Bruce remained in Astoria as a private citizen because he and Linda loved our city and the people who live here. Instead of a life of leisure, he chose to take on projects that would make Astoria better. He joined the boards of the United Way, Astoria Column and the Astoria Armory. He realized that these treasures should be preserved to make life in Astoria better.

On the City Council since 2016, Bruce has earned the reputation of a thoughtful and deliberative voice for all Astorians. This balanced approach is exactly what we need in our new mayor as we look for solutions to developing affordable housing, diversifying our economy, preparing for disaster and improving our library.

Bruce will assure diverse and sustainable growth for years to come. Bruce is the best candidate to face these challenges, because he has practical leadership experience and the character to guide our city.

Vote Bruce Jones for mayor.
LARRY and BECKY THORMAHLEN
Astoria