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Water under the bridge



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10 years ago this week — 2008

Sacagawea is home at last. And the sun shown brightly on the dedication of the new bronze statue of the Shoshone woman and her child near the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park visitor center.

The original statue, which stood at Netul Landing, a remote part of the park, was stolen, cut up and sold for scrap metal in January. The news of the stolen statue sent shock waves of anger through the community.

Just days after it was stolen, parts of it showed up at a metal recycler in Bend.

The statue's creator, Jim Demetro, offered \$10,000 toward replacement of the original statue, and his offer was matched by the Lewis and Clark National Park Association.

The Port of Astoria and the city of Newport have received two new proposals from airlines looking to bring passenger air service to the coast.

A new bid from Cape Air of Massachusetts and a joint bid from Oregon's SeaPort Airlines and Washington's Kenmore Air made it in just before last week's deadline.

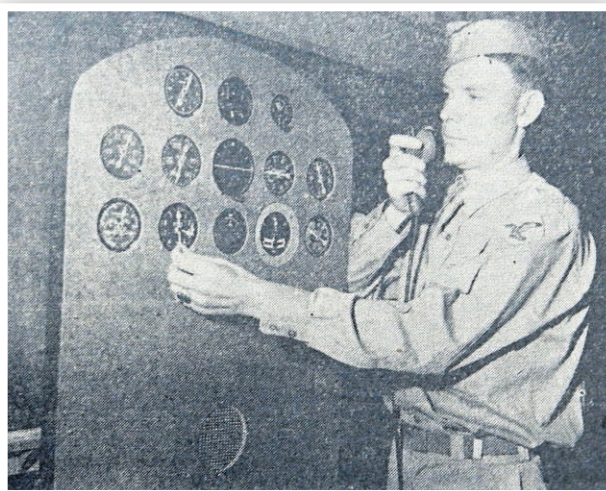
Port Director of Operations Ron Larsen said he's happy with the bids that have come in.

"I think we have people who have put in proposals that can both provide reliable air service," he said.

As many as 300 mink may still be missing after an animal activist released approximately 1,500 animals from their cages on an Astoria-area farm.

Between 1,100 and 1,200 mink have been recovered.

Teresa Platt, executive director of the Fur Commission in Coronado, California, said the FBI is investigating the incident as domestic terrorism.



1943 — Melvin K. Lyster, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lyster of 168 Niagara Avenue and now chief Link training instructor of Southwest Airways at Falcon field near Phoenix, Ariz., has developed an addition to the Link trainer, a device which does everything an airplane does, except fly. The Link is the first step in instrument flying, providing practice under safety conditions and constant supervision. Lyster's invention enables individualized training on instrument and radio range flying to be given an entire class of students simultaneously.

50 years ago — 1968

Television inspection of 9,300 sewer mains in downtown Astoria revealed many pulled-apart joints, broken and crushed pipes, engineer Harvey Taylor told the City Council.

Taylor, of Stevens, Thompson and Runyan, consultants who are designing sewage disposal for the city, said that the poor condition of Astoria sewers results probably from earth movement on the hillsides over the 48 years the sewers were built.

One year has passed since Gavin and Lady Irene Astor dedicated the Astor Library and that year has been a clearly successful one for the \$378,000 white structure.

"Daily usage has increased and everyone has received the building favorable," said Dr. Robert Neikes, chairman of the city Library Board. "All visiting librarians have praised it. Our Veterans Memorial Flag Room has gotten good use by many groups and displays."

President Johnson said today he will not now present another nomination in place of that of Justice Abe Fortas, for chief justice.

Johnson said he might do so in ordinary times.

But, he added: "These are not ordinary times. We are threatened by emotionalism, partisanship, and prejudice that compel us to use great care if we are to avoid injury to our constitutional system."

75 years ago — 1943

A war department order drastically curtailing activities of the civilian aircraft warning service throughout the nation affects four observation posts in Clatsop County, where hundreds of civilian volunteers have manned their posts around the clock and will continue until the new order becomes effective at 6 p.m. Oct. 16.

Mrs. E. Bjork, chief observer for the Astoria post and executive under M.J. Cosovich, district AWS director for this county, said that after Oct. 16, the posts will be on an "alert" basis, which means they will be manned on call and by selected observers.

She said the posts will probably be activated upon need and upon such emergencies as lost planes or perhaps shipping movements — in addition to war emergencies that may develop.

September, by the narrowest of margins, was the warmest September in the history of weather records here, with the mean maximum for the month reaching 72 degrees, the high temperature 90 on the eighth and with only .63 inches of rainfall.

Nine huge "cats" with carry-alls lugging from 8 to 18 yards of earth each are working two 10-hour shifts daily to move more than 175,000 yards of dirt in preparing ground for construction of the Navy's hospital at juncture of the Walluski and Young's rivers.

From the Red Cross headquarters in Washington, D.C., came a telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schwab advising them that their daughter, Jo, had "arrived safely in Great Britain." Jo thus becomes the first Astoria girl to serve overseas.

Two of Hollywood's most charming screen stars — Spring Byington and Cecelia Parker — are members of a traveling USO camp show troupe, appearing for the last time today at military posts in the Astoria district.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote 'no' on new jail, state initiatives

Has any thought been given to upgrading the county jail in its present location, instead of spending millions to move it to Warrenton, and increase traffic on the already-saturated Youngs Bay Bridge?

That's a "no" from me. Also "no" on my ballot are all the state initiatives, each of which does nothing but tip the scale in favor of some vested interest.

MICHAEL FALLERT
Warrenton

Vote Jones for Astoria mayor

Bruce Jones is a man of integrity, and a phenomenal leader. I have worked for the Friends of the Astoria Armory and with Bruce for four years. His ability to be fair and thoughtful in all his decisions, and his devotion to this community is proof of his character.

Working with Bruce bringing the Armory back to life as a nonprofit community center, I have learned that he is extremely honest. He has an incredible work ethic, and strives to help better our community for everyone. I'm reminded often by Bruce's actions that hard work and determination are how positive changes benefit our community.

I'm honored and privileged to work with Bruce Jones. I know as mayor, he will continue to strengthen and build this community.

ROBYN KOUSTIK
Astoria

Vote Wev for county commissioner

I have been researching, extensively, the candidates running for office in Astoria, Clatsop County, and the state. Our Clatsop County Commission is the people's direct connection to our local county government.

Pamela Wev is the most qualified to be a commissioner for District 3. Due to her extensive qualifications working with, and in government — city, county, state, and federal — as a team player with integrity, and as a perceptive listener. A professional urban planner, she is involved on housing issues and supports affordable housing, especially for low-wage earners.

Her stand on assisting people with mental health concerns is important. So that they not be mixed with the general jail population, her backing of a new county jail in the old Oregon Youth Authority building is so that adequate care of the folks with mental health concerns are appropriately treated in a separate safe area there.

Overcrowding in the current jail also throws people charged with nonviolent and violent crimes together. It isn't suitable to treat all crimes the same, or lump all criminals together. Drug abuse is one thing, sexual predation, assault, and murder, another.

Vote Pam Wev for affordable housing, trans-

parent county government, and accountability.
PAMELA MATTSON McDONALD
Astoria

Vote Wev for county commissioner

As a registered voter in Clatsop County since 1964, I have known, read about, served on boards with, observed and voted for many candidates for election to the Clatsop County Commission. For the upcoming Nov. 6, election, Pamela Wev is the best-prepared candidate ever, in my experience, to file for Clatsop County Commission.

With a master's degree in urban and regional planning from Pennsylvania State University, her career spanned 40 years as a consultant to agencies and developers, including zoning ordinances for ports and cities in the Pacific Northwest. She now functions as Wev Consulting LLC in our area.

Her past has prepared her to focus on Clatsop County's issues: affordable housing, protection of our scenic and historical resources, training for emergency response, and sustaining our economy of farms, fisheries and forests.

Cast a vote for our future for Pamela Wev — Clatsop County Commissioner, District 3.
JUANITA B. PRICE
Astoria

Vote 'no' on Measure 106

I wonder if the people who support Measure 106 have thought about the consequences of their actions, should Measure 106 pass. The measure will increase Oregon public spending by an estimated \$22.2 million annually, to care for additional children born into poverty as a result of this measure.

Measure 106 will make sure the cycle of poverty, ignorance and dependence is perpetuated. Perhaps Measure 106 should have been an offer to help raise money for birth control for poor women to prevent the need for abortion. Oh, wait, that's what Planned Parenthood does.

DAVE FITCH
Astoria

October is National Co-op Month

With the elections nearing, we are hearing the word "community" more and more. What we may be talking about is our community's many natural gifts, knowing our merchants, bankers, artists and musicians. This is the strong heartbeat of our Astoria.

At the top of our family's list are all the local farms in our region, and the only place all year to buy from them — our Astoria Co-op. We don't have a garden so we go to the Sunday Market for super fresh produce, just hours out of the soil, fresh eggs, and farming friends we can support with our dollars. Pennies really,



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against the pressure being put on our fertile fields and wetlands.

Maybe you are thinking about big hotels, or unwanted pipelines; there are many issues that demand our attention and thought and action. But whatever your agenda, close to the top reserve a line for our local food supply. By being a member of the Co-op, you are in essence voting for the most valuable land use there is: Fresh, local produce and flowers, sustainable and bee-friendly.

Our local farms depend on our support to plant and harvest their crops, our Co-op brings them to our table. Become an advocate for protecting our air, pesticide-free land and water by spending your money on the freshest, healthiest, local food you can.

MARY LOU MCAULEY
ROBERT PAULMENN
Astoria

Sunset Empire rec expansion is unnecessary

To the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District board members: Before the district is ready for growth and expansion, the patrons would desire that the board take an earnest,

active interest in becoming involved in the aquatic center's workings and the needs of the center's patrons.

Patrons have not seen members of the board visiting or using the aquatic facility. How would they know what is really going on? In the past there were two petitions, one in 2015 and one in 2016, expressing concerns. Both petitions fell on deaf ears, with no responses.

The aquatic facility has slowly gone downhill and a number of adults have just quit coming, for various reasons — it is too cold, the water temperature has been lowered, as well as an intermittently working boiler which makes the locker rooms cold (55 degrees).

A once well-managed, well-maintained and sparkling facility has turned into an unorganized, dirty facility with no effort to correct the important issues, of which there are many. It would seem that the \$60,000 paid for reports on the old Broadway School could have better been put to use on a working boiler.

I believe that the existing aquatic facility needs to be taken care of properly, rather than pour \$20 million into an unnecessary expansion.

DONNA SUNELL
Gearhart