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VISTA HOUSE a.k.a. CROWN POINT

(a.k.a. Gateway to the Columbia Gorge, Oregon's Statue of Liberty)
Architect: Edgar M. Lazarus (Baltimore)
Construction director: John B. Yeon



This fifty-five-foot, sandstone-faced, Teutonic thimble was the brainchild of Multnomah highway engineer Samuel Lancaster, supervisor of the Columbia River Highway project. He wanted to build more than a stretch of road; he wanted to leave a landmark that complemented the natural wonders already present. The dramatic rock point he chose for the site was called "Thor's Crown" by the Scandinavian homesteader who once owned the land. It was here that Lancaster said there would be "an observatory from which the view both up and down the Columbia could be viewed in silent communion with the infinite."

The style in which architect Edgar Lazarus chose to execute this commission is called Jugendstil, (a German term meaning "youth style.") Lazarus was evidently inspired by a painting by German Romantic luminary Max Bruckner, whose 1896 work "Valhalla" seems to be a clear precursor to the Vista House design.

The result looks great, but it was expensive. Although the original estimate for the construction was \$17,000, costs ran to nearly \$100,000 before the building was complete. The Alaskan marble used in the floors and stairs drove costs up, so as money ran low, the interior of the dome was painted to imitate the marble and bronze that could no longer be afforded. As a result, this building was initially referred to as "the most expensive comfort station [a.k.a. rest stop] in the world." County Commissioner Rufus Holman fired John Yeon as county road master over building costs because Holman had only approved \$12,000 for a "small, covered structure."

Vista House was the final capping glory to the Historic Columbia River Highway, which was finished in 1916. Not only was it the Pacific Northwest's first modern highway, it was also the first scenic highway ever constructed in the nation, designed to take advantage of the area's amazing views and waterfalls. The incredible foundation for Vista House was laid by Italian masons who had been shipped in to work on the bridges and walls of the Columbia River Highway. Much of the highway is still in place, and the viaducts, walls, and bridges have taken on a mossy nobility with time.

Though the building looks like it was built well enough to withstand the frigid blasts of the Columbia River 733 feet below, that was not the case. Keep in mind that rain
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TRIVIA QUESTION

American colonists discovered that superior candles could be made from the fruit of a squat bush growing in the sand dunes along the New England seashore. The small fruit was picked, crushed, and boiled. It had to be skimmed several times before the pale, nearly transparent, green fat was sufficiently refined. The candles were highly prized, because so much labor and so many berries were needed to make just one candle. What is the name of this berry?

Email the correct answer by the last day of this month and be entered into a drawing for a **\$100 gift certificate to Nordstrom's!!**

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Answer to Last Months Trivia

The 250-room **Biltmore House** in Asheville, NC, built 1890-1895 at a cost of \$4.4 million, and is the largest house in the US.

Last Month's Winner:

Ramona Martinson

State May Outlaw Light bulbs

California is considering a bill that would ban incandescent light bulbs and require compact fluorescents instead..

Compact fluorescent light bulbs are significant energy savers but they still are not used by the majority of consumers, probably because they cost at least \$2 to \$3 apiece. That might seem like a lot, but these bulbs last eight to 10 times longer than standard incandescent bulbs, so they actually save you money even before their energy efficiency is taken into account. When you factor in their substantially lower power consumption, fluorescents cut the total cost of lighting your home by approximately 75%. Incandescent light bulbs were first developed almost 125 years ago, and since that time they have undergone no major modifications, they remain incredibly inefficient, converting only about 5 percent of the energy they receive into light. Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) use about 25 percent of the energy of conventional light bulbs. Also, CFLs generate 70 percent less heat than incandescent lights, Jones said. About a fifth of the average U.S. home's electricity costs pays for lighting, which means even if CFLs initially cost more than conventional light bulbs, consumers will save, Jones said. A 20-watt CFL gives as much light as a 75-watt conventional bulb, and lasts 13 times longer, according to the Rocky Mountain Institute, a nonprofit group studying energy issues.

Savings: \$150 a year by switching about 20 bulbs (about \$8 per bulb per year).

On the horizon: Light-emitting diode (LED) light bulbs are very expensive now but expect them to become a great money-saving option by 2012, if not sooner. LED bulbs have the potential to last more than 100 times as long as today's incandescent bulbs, and they use even less electricity than compact fluorescent bulbs.

Call the Energy Trust of Oregon for a free home energy evaluation today. 1-866-311-1822

Best Website You Might Not Know

Is there anything you want to know how to do?

Just go to VideoJug (videojug.com). There you will find videos on how to do all kinds of things. It's like having an army of top-class experts at your fingertips 24/7 to "show you how" and to help you out. Whatever you want to know, VideoJug will have the answer.

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They also have News & Movie Clips from the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s including, Zepelin Explodes, Scores Dead, 10th May 1937, and the Nazi's surrender May 14th, 1945. **CHECK IT OUT!**

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VISTA HOUSE —

hits the building at a horizontal angle, and there's a lot of it. A poorly designed 1949 copper-roof addition over the original roof tiles caused significant water damage to the outside and inside of the building resulting in an overhaul that has cost millions of dollars. A new tile roof has seven layers of waterproofing beneath it, enough to give even a Nordic storm god pause.

President Woodrow Wilson visited Vista House in 1919.

Hiccup Cures

A hiccup is a spastic contraction of the diaphragm – the large circular muscle that separates the chest from the abdomen.

The longest recorded attack of hiccups afflicted Charles Osborne of Anthon, Iowa. He was born in 1894 and got the hiccups in 1922, when he was slaughtering a hog. The hiccups continued but didn't stop him from marrying twice and fathering eight children. In 1983, Guinness reported that Charles Osborne had hiccupped and was still hiccupping, about 420 million times. By the time he died in 1990, the hiccupping had slowed down from 40 times a minute to 20 times a minute.

Natural Remedies:

Drink a glass of pineapple or orange juice. Make believe your index finger is a mustache. Place it under your nose and press hard for 30 seconds. Gently inhale a little pepper, enough to make you sneeze a couple of times. Sneezing usually makes the hiccups disappear. Men should place an ice cube right below their Adams apple and count to 150. Turn yourself into a "T" by spreading out your arms. Then give a big yawn. There you go! Hiccups gone!

Best Of Area—Movie Madness

Can't find that older movie you have been wanting to see again? Well check out Movie Madness! This is a movie buffs delight. You will find the most obscure movies made to the most recent Hollywood blockbuster. As you wander through the store, you will find old classic silent movies such as "*The Son of the Sheik*" with Rudolf Valentino to 1950's TV series along with old horror classics, westerns, dramas and comedies from every decade.

But don't miss the most interesting aspect of Movie Madness which is the movie props and costumes that fill the store. As you wander around, make sure to look up to see all the authentic costumes lining the top shelves. You will find the Winchester rifle that John Wayne used in "*The Man that Shot Liberty Valance*", Barbara Streisand's lingerie from "*The Owl and the Pussycat*", The bloody knife Anthony Perkins used in "*Psycho*'s" famous shower scene, a dress worn by Ginger Rodgers, a fan comb that Mary Pickford wore in one of her silent movies, the dress Julie Andrews wore in a scene from "*The Sound of Music*" not to mention the time machine used in the 1960's H.G. Wells "*The Time Machine*".

So don't go if you are in a hurry to rent a movie and run home. Expect to spend at least an hour or two just wandering around looking at the costumes and props not to mention all the wonderful unique movies!

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The Circus

Once when I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus. Finally, there was only one family between us and the ticket counter.

This family made a big impression on me. There were eight children, all probably under the age of 12. You could tell they didn't have a lot of money. Their clothes were not expensive, but they were clean. The children were well-behaved, and were excitedly jabbering about the clowns, elephants and other acts they would see that night. One could sense they had never been to the circus before. It promised to be a highlight of their young lives. The mother was holding her husband's hand, looking up at him as if to say, "You're my knight in shining armor." He was smiling and basking in pride, looking at her as if to reply, "You got that right."

The ticket lady asked the father how many tickets he wanted. He proudly responded, "Please let me buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets so I can take my family to the circus."

The ticket lady quoted the price. The man's wife let go of his hand, her head dropped, the man's lip began to quiver. The father leaned a little closer and asked, "How much did you say?" The ticket lady again quoted the price. The man obviously didn't have enough money.

Seeing what was going on, my dad put his hand into his pocket, pulled out a \$20 bill and dropped it on the ground. (We were not wealthy in any sense of the word!) My father reached down, picked up the bill, tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket."

The man knew what was going on. He looked straight into my dad's eyes, took my dad's hand in both of his, squeezed tightly onto the \$20 bill, and with his lip quivering and a tear streaming down his cheek, he replied, "Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family."

My father and I went back to our car and drove home. We didn't go to the circus that night, but we didn't go without.

The Tualatin River

The name is Indian meaning "lazy or sluggish," this being the character of the river's flow; other meanings are "land without trees," signifying the plains of Tualatin and "forks" or "forked" for the numerous upper tributaries including Gales and Dairy Creeks. The treeless plain was vouched for by Tolbert Carter, pioneer of 1846, whose home was near Wells. The name has had many variations, among them Twality, Quality, Falatine and Nealatine.

The settlements near what are now known as Hillsboro and Forest Grove were in pioneer days called East and West Tualatin precincts.

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Abraham Lincoln's Home in Portland, Oregon



While the original Lincoln Home was and always will be in Springfield, Illinois, a replica of the home was once located in Portland, Oregon.

An exact copy of the house was built by the State of Illinois, and served as the Illinois Building at the 1905 Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition. The exposition marked the 100-year anniversary of the Lewis & Clark expedition to explore the territory added to the United States by the 1803 Louisiana Purchase. The State of Oregon invited other states to participate.

The buildings, never intended to be permanent, were constructed on the Willamette River, in what is today an industrial district in northwest Portland. . The State of Illinois chose to create a full-size reproduction of the home of Abraham Lincoln as its contribution to the exposition.

The replica of Abraham Lincoln's House was constructed at 26th and Nicolai Streets, near the carriage entrance to the fair. The photograph above shows the house as it appeared at the time of the fair.

After the exposition closed, the house, since it was not planned to be a permanent structure, went into decline. The house, which was then rented out, was not painted, the shrubs became overgrown, and over time it deteriorated further. Some time thereafter, the house was sold for the value of the land. The house itself was then given to a developer, who had it cut in two, and moved to an area of Portland he called "The Colony." The house was relocated to 20th Street and SW Market Drive, where it was used as a restaurant and tea room.

On January 29, 1957, the house was damaged by a fire. The house could possibly have been restored, but because of the costs involved, the owners chose to sell off various parts of the house, and demolished the rest. Thus an interesting bit of

