

BULLET: Mayor contacts county commissioner

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Several residents then turned out at a Keizer City Council meeting to implore the city to take action.

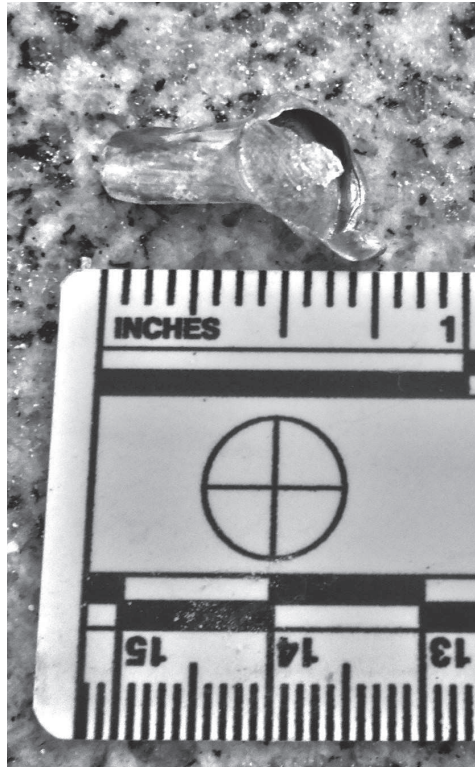
“What I’m most concerned about is the fact that someone is going to get killed if something doesn’t get done. When the powers-that-be tell us no one would admit to using the gun—if someone had been killed, would that be how this was handled?” asked Marge Smith, a resident of the area.

Sgt. Andrew Copeland met with the owner of Northwest Rock, Lance Davis, and signs were put up to remind users that residences were located across the river.

Mayor Cathy Clark addressed the issue again at the city council meeting Monday, June 4.

“I called (Polk County) Commissioner (Craig) Pope and let him know what happened and I wanted to look in to what they can do on that side of the river. They need to have some conversations with the property owner.”

Residents of West Keizer have complained about the noise from the shooting range for several years. On some weekends, shots are heard from morning until night.



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complete rejection right then and there. I was just in shock and I was so excited. And I remember just telling a few people about this because I didn’t want to get anybody’s hopes up. I didn’t want to get my own hopes up.”

Llanos had to wait until April 1 for Stanford’s final decision.

Meanwhile, she was working on her application to USC, which wasn’t going as well as she had hoped.

“I remember turning the application in and just crying,” Llanos said. “One, because of what I said I was very passionate about, but two, because it wasn’t my best work. USC was always my No. 1 school. I’m going to do anything possible to get into USC. That’s my school. That’s where I’m going. I’m going to work so hard on this application and I didn’t. I kept putting it off. For some reason my heart just wasn’t into working on this application and I have no idea why.”

The end of March, during McNary’s spring break, Llanos got a big acceptance package in the mail from USC. A week later came the letter from Stanford.

“I’ve always tried to present myself as this confident person but there’s always a lot of doubts that go through my mind and I compare myself to other people,” Llanos said. “Getting accepted into Stanford made me realize there’s a lot of myself that I don’t realize. There’s a lot of aspects and qualities that I oversee and I’m

always focusing on the negative. It inspired me to look at my life in a different perspective and be a little bit more positive and use more kind words to myself specifically.”

To make a decision, Llanos had to see the two schools for herself. In one weekend, April 26-28, she spent two days at Stanford and then one at USC.

Stanford

emailed a travel grant to pay for her flight to San Francisco. Willamette Academy, which Llanos has participated in for the last five years, helped pay for the flight to Los Angeles.

“When we were approaching it, I was so giddy,” Llanos said of Stanford.

“I was jumping up and down. It was like seeing a celebrity because everybody talks about it and I’d only seen videos. It was crazy. It was real.”

The other students surprised her.

“The people were so friendly,” Llanos said. “They were so humble. They were nerdy but also so normal and for some reason I thought they were going to be crazy geniuses that only talked about math and science and school. I was nervous but once I met them, these people are super smart but they’re normal like me.”

But what won Llanos over was that Stanford, with its ethnic-themed community center and dorms, felt like home.

“The scary thing about going to any college, especially one that’s very selective, is where am I going to find the people like me? Underrepre-

sented minorities, people that are low-income, people that didn’t think they were going to have this chance, people that weren’t supported by their families or families who have no idea what college is like,” Llanos said. “Where am I going to have these people that I can relate to? Stanford understands that very, very well.”

“That was one of the things that I didn’t come in thinking about or looking for, but it found me and that made a huge impact on me. I didn’t realize how much I needed this until Stanford presented it to me and I loved that about Stanford and that they realize that that’s so important that that’s the first thing they showed us when we got there.”

While the campus was “gorgeous,” Llanos didn’t get the same feeling at USC.

“The people I was meeting and the vibes on campus, they weren’t me,” she said. “It was actually very sad for me and disappointing just because I had this vision in my mind that USC was the school for me. Even flying down there I thought I’m probably going to like USC more.”

Llanos plans to major in biomedical engineering but is keeping her options open.

After college, she wants to open a non-profit healthcare organization to provide medical technology to minorities and people of low income.

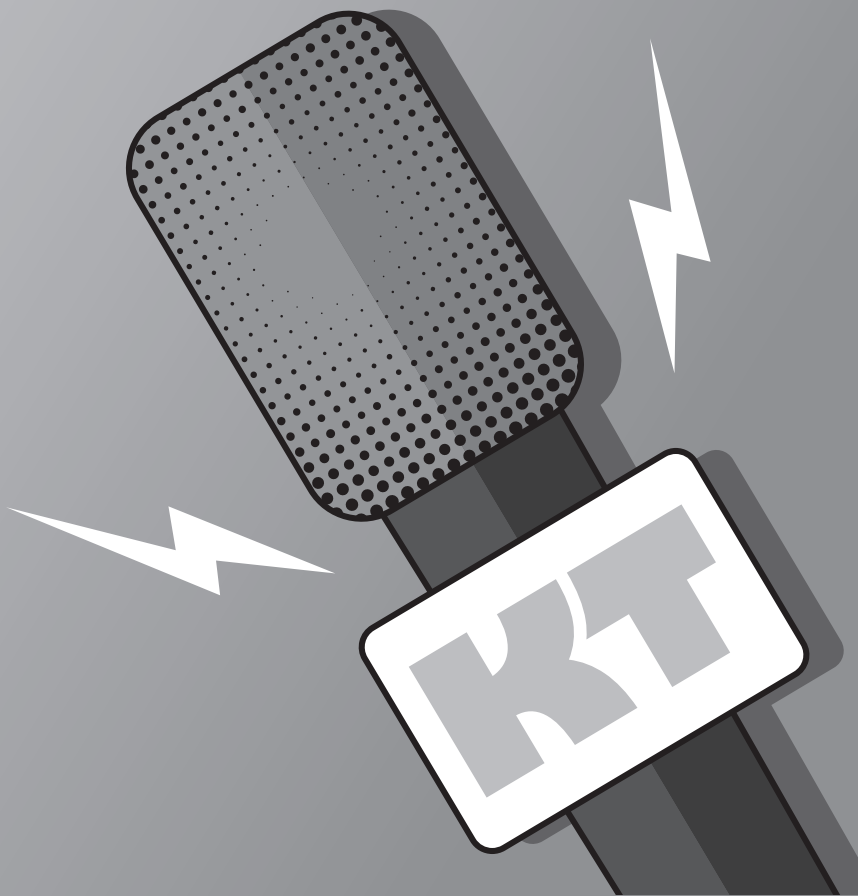
“I want to go down to Mexico because that’s where my roots are,” Llanos said.

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