

Gone, not forgotten

Donn Bauske, my friend, passed away a few weeks ago from a sudden heart attack. As many of you know, he was a father, attorney, employer and a landlord, just to mention an insignificant number of titles that come to my mind.

At his request and the will of his family, there was never an obituary printed in the local newspaper, and it was only after clearing with family members that I have been allowed to write this short letter to the editor.

I met Donn Bauske more than 35 years ago when he gave me the keys to property at 1725 N. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside. He did not own the Jim Perigo property, but he was the contact person. I told him I wanted to open a surplus store and call it "Debra's Surplus" and his words were, "Go for it." The rest of that story is history.

Donn Bauske gave to the community, in mind, more than any other one individual in these last three decades. He made work for hundreds and provided housing for the working people. Had it not been for Donn Bauske's creative manner of turning a rundown cabin camp into living quarters for our restaurant and motel owners and employees, heaven knows what Seaside and Cannon Beach's growth would have been.

He was only 77 years old and in my mind, was much too young to die, and I miss him very much.

JACK BIRKBY
Arch Cape

No LNG

While leaving through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Oregon LNG and the Washington Expansion Project (WEP), I noticed that the agency thinks all obstacles to permitting this terminal and pipeline can be mitigated.

Take these examples. On wetlands, Oregon LNG will minimize direct impact as much as is practicable and contribute to mitigation banks to offset their impacts. Sounds like a rubber stamp to me. The 9.0 earthquake and resulting tsunami that is certain to happen sooner or later won't bother the plant much from soil liquefaction and settlement, because Oregon LNG will make the ground under the terminal more resistant by using pile-type foundations which will prevent buoyancy.

What about the proven fact that there was no bedrock found as far down as 350 feet and the rest is dredge spoils, wetlands and sand? To protect the site (tanks and process area) from a tsunami, the company will build an earthen berm 22 to 27 feet high, or maybe taller. Boy, am I relieved.

I remember, years ago at a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) meeting, with the Port of Astoria, Peter Hansen of Oregon LNG exclaimed that planes would just bounce off the tanks. Nothing to be concerned about here, folks.

Practically the whole environmental draft favors the building of a LNG export/import terminal. It is a potential either/or proposition. We have the ability to stop this madness. Warrenton is having a public hearing about permitting the terminal and the pipeline on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 5 p.m. at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Come testify and let your voice be heard. Tell the hearings officer and the city of Warrenton to "Just say no!"

Tijuana, Mexico, said no to LNG. What is wrong with Oregon?

LORI DURHEIM
Astoria

Gas pains

It would seem that the only requirement for giving away our precious natural setting is that someone, or some group, has found a way to make it produce wealth for them, as is the case for the future of liquefied natural gas in our midst.

It matters not that the people — that's us — voted

Keep the sidewalks clear

I read the article "Walk and Roll" (*The Daily Astorian*, Aug. 12) with interest. I am happy to see that a group of people took the time to walk the downtown area and discuss the good and bad they encountered.

I must say that one thing I have noticed is better placement of the sandwich boards by business owners. They are pleasing to the eye but also allow people walking, or riding in wheelchairs, to read them and pass easily. However, there are other obstructions to the easy flow of pedestrian traffic on our city sidewalks.

With the nice weather, many of our local coffeehouses and restaurants offer outdoor seating. I like sitting outdoors myself. I know each establishment receives a permit for a certain number of seats, but I don't believe there are rules about the arrangement of the seating. This is the problem.

While most of these businesses are very responsible, that cannot be said for all. I find some of our city sidewalks frequently obstructed by tables and chairs allowing people to pass only in single file without adequate clearance for a wheelchair, especially one of the bariatric (larger) sized wheelchairs.

I have spoken to management of one of these coffeehouses, and he was not receptive to my concerns. I have also spoken to city hall, but continue to see passage on the sidewalks blocked. I am concerned about the upcoming "parklets" and their impact on the flow of foot traffic on our sidewalks. Granted, these will not be on side streets, but people must be allowed to pass.

For anyone venturing outside the downtown core, the sidewalks are frequently in very poor condition. Property owners are seemingly unaware

of their responsibility to maintain the sidewalks. They are a public right-of-way.

The walks are uneven, pot-holed, hidden under dirt (mud in the winter) and debris, overgrown with hedges/shrubs out of control, obstructed by garbage cans or a cord of wood, and they frequently force pedestrians into the street to pass. This is a safety issue for us all.

Most people want to be responsible and courteous for the people around them, and do the right thing. But this needs to include the able-bodied as well as those in need of assistance. The fixes are easy — trim the hedge, remove the obstacles, repair the pothole. We must all work together to keep Astoria livable and desirable.

MARCIA FENSKE
Astoria

War in Iran

Do you want war in Iran? If so, it will include Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and Libya etc., etc.

Step 1: Both Houses of Congress have got to debate and vote on it. If approved, then the president has to pass it. We now have a declared war.

Step 2: We reinstate the draft. Yes, we do. We need one million combat-ready troops to go to the Middle East. Anything less will be defeat.

Step 3: Start selling war bonds to pay for this war.

Step 4: Start rationing food and fuel, because we have to feed, fuel and arm our troops.

Step 5: We produce our own armament. Now we're ready to go to war.

RALPH E. H.
NORGAARD
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Bravo Maestro Clark

Maestro Keith Clark is a master of music and conducting, along with being the master of a vision to fill the Liberty Theater, the Performing Arts Center, and many other venues in Astoria, with world class music

and internationally known artists to perform it.

The ensemble of music students, whom he auditions for the Apprentice Program, are truly the "stars of tomorrow," and bring their own magic of youth and talent to learn from the maestro and his staff.

In my estimation, Keith Clark has become the Sol Hurok of the North Coast, with his expertise in knowing artists, booking them, then coaching, directing and producing the Astoria Music Festival for an 13 amazing years. Festival goers find themselves attending concerts equal to those they would find in any major concert hall in the country and abroad.

Personally, it has been my honor and privilege to have my dance students work with Maestro Clark for 10 of the 13 years, giving them the opportunities of a lifetime to perform with such a distinguished company.

Maestro Clark deserves bravos, kudos, many curtain calls and many return engagements.

He has, through his love, determination, passion and courage, given all of us the

everlasting gift of music, enriching our lives and the lives of our families and neighbors. This must continue under his devoted direction.

JEANNE MADDOX
PETERSON
Astoria

Support Trump

My sons and I support a Donald Trump candidacy and view him as viable. I was watching an interview between Carly Fiorina and the moderator for "Sunday Morning Futures" on Fox. She was outstanding. So I'm not sold on Trump, but let me explain the attraction.

I was watching a CNN guy interviewing some no-name former presidential candidate. He said those of us who support a Trump candidacy are angry. I'd say no, we're reasonably driven. Anger is flash and gone. I wake up feeling this way. So thoughtful and reasonable is close.

The political candidates, that is, those with political backgrounds, don't inspire me because I perceive them as weak and tainted by the dynamics of the current po-

litical state. They're used to incremental victories that don't look like victories at all to me.

Take Iran. It's a victory that all the Republicans in lockstep are against the deal? No it's not. It's a victory if all the Republicans get out and go door-to-door in Democratic districts explaining why the deal is bad for us, and horrible for the world, and they get the numbers to beat the veto. Going on TV and saying it isn't enough. Win the day. Or get out of the way and let someone like Trump do it.

Trump is eating their lunch and making them look like the irrelevant Obama minions they, and many in big media, have been for the last six years. I like — really I do — all the candidates, including those with 1 percent. Rick Perry's a good man. Rand Paul's a good man. The top of the ticket beneath Trump are excellent. Smart, articulate, aggressive. I enjoy Bernie Sanders.

But the appeal of Trump, Fiorina and Ben Carson is exactly because they haven't surrendered, as I perceive all political leaders have. Surrendered to what? Obama mainly, but there's more. Low expectations. Allowing the Constitution (save Ted Cruz and Rand Paul) to be shredded by this administration. Allowing the Eric Holder Justice Department, and Obama by extension, to get away with injustice, lying, and irresponsibility, and lots of it.

I have two sons who have served tours in Afghanistan. We believe in this country and we are not going to stand by and let America "wimp out" like this administration (and by extension, Congress, and big media by default) are directing us.

Our charge to all the opposition party candidates is this: If you can't completely shred Hillary Clinton and the Democrats like Trump is certainly willing to do, you're not up to it.

So far, Trump's doing it. To the rest, my family and I say this: Get. On. It.

WAYNE MAYO
Scappoose



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO HOMES?

HINT: IT HAS TO DO WITH SAVING ENERGY AND MONEY.

Though two homes may look alike, energy efficiency upgrades can make a big difference in terms of maximizing comfort while reducing energy use and cost.

Energy Trust of Oregon can help you find a trade ally contractor and provide cash incentives that help offset the cost of qualifying energy improvements. With upgrades to your insulation, water heater, appliances and lighting you could save up to 15 percent on your home energy costs while not having to scale back on comfort. And a house that costs less to operate is worth more.

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