

Bernie is best

As a strong advocate for sensible gun control measures, I support Bernie Sanders for president because he is most likely to achieve the needed regulations supported by the majority of the electorate.

First, Sanders believes in a middle-ground solution. He voted for background checks to prevent firearms from getting into the hands of felons and the mentally ill, for a federal ban on assault weapons and closing loopholes which allow private sellers at gun shows and on the Internet to sell to individuals without background checks. He believes magazines holding more than 10 bullets should be banned nationwide.

Second, with new voters who are energized Sanders supporters, communities throughout the nation might elect leaders who are less obligated to powerful monied interests. In Lane County, it could result in enforcement of sensible gun control measures.

Last year I met for an hour with one of the four Lane County Commissioners who signed Order and Resolution 15-06-02-05, which sends the message our officials would not work to enforce Oregon Senate Bill 941, closing the gun sale background check loophole. The commissioner assured me he would respond, but I've yet to receive a response from him, even after I sent him an email reminder.

Sanders is the best candidate to lead the effort for sensible gun control measures at the national and local levels because of his middle-of-the road position and because of his supporting electorate.

CAROL LOUISE SCHERER
Eugene

Thanks for service

Open letter of gratitude to the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District Board: Thank you for your dedicated service to the community, volunteer firefighters, rescuers and emergency medical services providers.

I have attended several of your public board meetings over the years since I began volunteering in 1999. I have witnessed firsthand some of

Thank you to Providence Health Systems

With much chagrin I learned of Columbia Memorial Hospital's decision to abandon providing care to local homebound patients as home health care is no longer "financially viable" to the organization ("Home health shifts to Seaside," *The Daily Astorian*, March 17).

It is a bit of a wonder as well, for other health care companies are seeking to expand their services in the out-of-hospital care environment. I also wonder how this decision will impact CMH's Planetree designation, and its impetus to provide patient-centered care.

Perhaps some of the effort allocated to enticing Oregon Health and Science University to provide higher reimbursement specialty care to the community would have been better spent taking care of our own. At least we can be satisfied

with a football field carrying the CMH logo, even if home health care in "North County" is no longer worthy of such an accolade.

Thank you to Providence Health Systems for coming through for the citizens of Clatsop County, and agreeing to fill the void in services.

BRENDA P. SMITH, M.D.
Svensen

the challenging situations and decisions that you have been tasked with assessing and acting upon in the interest of the district, its citizens and visitors. I consistently observed that you attempted to understand the gravity of your decisions and placed your service above personal interests.

Recently, one such required action created considerable controversy with some members of the community. Being a leader sometimes means doing the unpleasant in an effort to fulfill your board obligations to the district and its constituents. These actions have become even more unpleasant when faced with the realities of modern society, and it became prudent to act under the guidance of legal counsel. Knowing you, I'm confident that your preference would have been to proceed more sensitively.

Again, thank you for your service and commitment to the district, its citizens and to those of us that volunteer. I'm hopeful that the mindful citizens agree your service is worthy of continuation for as long as you're willing to serve and make the tough decisions on our behalf.

MARK R. MORGANS
Captain,
Cannon Beach RFPD

Protect salmon

On Feb. 25, *The Daily Astorian* ran a story on salmon die off ("Groups seek emergency measures to save salmon"). The story related that last summer there was a massive salmon die-off, due to high water temperature. This article discusses dams as a contributing factor for the high temperatures. I have read articles discussing

larger stream buffers as a mitigating factor. I want to focus on another potential factor, the damage that the proposed Oregon LNG plant would cause to salmon, due to increased water temperature.

Natural gas would arrive in its gas state at the terminal in Warrenton, then would be processed into its liquid form. Natural gas has to be cooled to -265 F to reach its condensation point and liquefy. For reference, this is not a temperature that is naturally occurring anywhere on planet Earth.

Titan, a moon of Jupiter, has lakes of liquid methane and liquid methane rain. The process of cooling natural gas to -265 F would involve a heat exchange, which releases heat. The heat has to go somewhere, whatever form that takes, (direct release into the air, cooling ponds, direct release into the water, or another form), the temperature around the plant would increase.

If the temperature around the proposed plant site increased, the water temperature in the Columbia River would increase. When the temperature of the water in the Columbia River increases, salmon die.

The report written by the city of Warrenton's hearings officer ruled against Oregon LNG. He cited danger to salmon as a major reason for his ruling. Oregon LNG has challenged the ruling. The city of Warrenton needs to abide by the hearings officer's ruling and protect our salmon.

KATHLEEN ADAMS
Hammond

Thank you

In today's world, we hear so much bad news every day, and how society in general just

doesn't care about anyone any more. Well, I have to say that in our little town, that is simply not the case.

I had an encounter with a young lady who helped me in my time of need, and I needed to ensure that I gave a shout out to Kendall Padgett at TPaul's Urban Café. She was there by my side throughout a medical incident that I had there after enjoying a wonderful lunch, and I will be forever grateful to her.

Thank you again, Kendall, and keep serving the best food and service as well as being so genuine in your kind-heartedness and caring about others. You have me forever as a customer and a personal fan.

DANIELE CARY
Astoria

Be of good cheer

What with all the chaos and turmoil in the world and certainly, at times, in our personal lives, as well, the following thought came to me.

On a recent flight to Maui, just before we took off, the pilot came on the speaker and said, "Welcome aboard, folks, we're expecting a fairly bumpy flight, so make certain your seat belts are securely fastened."

I guess the captain of the universe gave us all a similar warning as we take off in our flight in life. He said, "In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." If we believe this, we've got to believe that life is going to bring us, surely, many joys, but also many bumps in our flight. Unfortunately, we don't live in a world where everyone

lives happily ever after.

With all the turmoil in the world, we can certainly agree there is tribulation. But the key word for each of us is not to surrender to fear and despair in the world, or personal problems, but to be "overcomers." And, taking it a bit further, we're encouraged, no matter what happens, to — what? To be of good cheer.

Sounds crazy, but our master pilot proved it on Easter. So fasten your seat belts, be "overcomers," and be of good cheer.

JIM BERNARD
Warrenton

Pull the trigger

Will wonders never cease? The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) nixes Jordan Cove LNG project ("Feds deny permit for liquefied gas port, pipeline," *The Daily Astorian*, March 12). Who woulda thunk it?

And, FERC did it for the right reasons — no demonstrable market, and the hardships caused by eminent domain. This is not the movie "Field of Dreams," where if you build it, they will come.

Now is the time to call Gov. Kate Brown (503-378-4582) and ask her to use the powers of the Coastal Zone Management Act and the Clean Air and Water acts to deny Oregon LNG's permit applications.

Kudos to Warrenton for trying to protect the Skipanon and fish.

The Warrenton Development Code 16.64.010 states Warrenton will "maintain the integrity of the estuary and coastal waters." The definition

of integrity is "the state or quality of being complete, undivided or unbroken — pure." Dredging 1.1 million cubic yards (131 acres) of critical fish habitat right out of the instinctual route the salmon have followed for thousands of years is, in my opinion, a violation of this code, and would severely hurt a proud 150-year-old fishing industry that ranked No. 1 on the U.S. West Coast in 2013.

The Warrenton Comprehensive Plan 5.323 states that Warrenton must maintain public access to the east Skipanon Peninsula. Oregon LNG's proposed terminals' mandatory exclusion zone and sheer volume of truck traffic on King Avenue will, in my opinion, deny the public access.

FYI: In the only election held on LNG issues, Clatsop County voted 67 percent no.

Also, explain to the governor that we don't want to breathe the carbon dioxide (2.6 billion tons released each year) or the methane gas (cough, choke) these environmentally dangerous, atmosphere-polluting terminals release. We also don't want to eat fish that have swum around in chemically polluted water. Yuck!

Go ahead and add that we don't want to see an estimated 44,000 jobs lost, or negatively affected throughout the Columbia River Basin by the constant interruption of commerce on the river, due to LNG tanker security zones.

You also might remind Gov. Brown that the hearings officer has recommended against the LNG proposed terminal.

So please, Gov. Brown, listen to the voters. Remember Civics 101 — of the people, by the people, for the people. The Constitution still starts with three words: "We the people." Come on, governor, now that FERC has seen the light, give them more ammunition to deny this LNG project, by denying Oregon LNG's permit applications.

Folks, your musket is "loaded" with information. All you need to do is "pull the trigger," and make that call to the governor (503-378-4582).

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