

Three rounds

If Bryan Pease, the lawyer representing the “animal rights group” suing the U.S. Coast Guard (“Animal welfare group sues Coast Guard,” *The Daily Astorian*, May 3) would like to demonstrate the “75 yard sufficient safety zone for a shotgun,” may I be the first to offer my services.

I will gladly (free of charge) fire three rounds as you face me at 75 yards.

MIKE AHO
Warrenton

Experience, dedication

I am writing to let you know why we support Dawn McIntosh for Clatsop County Circuit Court judge: Experience and dedication. Dawn has been a prosecutor, defender, civil litigator and active advocate for children and families for over 23 years.

The position of Circuit Court judge is best served by a hard-working and dedicated individual with a strong legal mind and a tireless approach to legal studies. The judge must have the ability to listen to the witnesses and testimony, allow the appropriate evidence while overseeing the courtroom, and then correctly interpret and apply the legal standard to the facts. I believe Dawn McIntosh is the right person for the job.

It is important to me that my clients have the opportunity to receive timely, impartial and legally sound rulings on issues ranging from reviewing an estate’s annual accounting, to determining appropriate child support amounts during a pending dissolution for custody matter. Dawn has the experience in both criminal and civil law to effectively and expertly take on the role of Circuit Court judge right now.

Vote for experience. Vote for Dawn McIntosh.

JEREMY RUST
Seaside

Forest values

It was sad to read that Skyler Archibald, director of the Parks and Recreation District of Seaside, is supporting the Linn County lawsuit which would mean increased logging here in Clatsop County (“Protect programs,” *The Daily Astorian*, April 15). As a municipal employee in a town almost totally reliant on tourism, why would the director want more trees cut down — especially in light of the butchered hills on Seaside’s eastern horizon?

But let’s forget about aesthetics. It’s about the money. Archibald repeats the mantra of the Linn County commissioners, “the greatest permanent value.” The lawsuit is based on a 1939 contract between the state and counties to provide the “greatest permanent value,” which the litigants assume to be money from timber harvest on state forest lands.

Apparently they didn’t get the memo in 1998, when the Oregon Department of Forestry was mandated to balance forest usage for recreational, ecological, aesthetic and timber harvest values. Even in 1939, the “greatest permanent value” was never defined to be strictly

Protect our docks

I would like to say I have enjoyed working on the sea lion rail deterrent project with the Port of Astoria and Knappa High School. I am hopeful that the rails will make a difference in keeping the sea lions off of the docks, and protect the boats that are moored there.

I know the tourists enjoy the sea lions, but as a community we need to find a good solution to protect our docks and salmon population. The East End Mooring Basin is being overrun by the sea lions, and that means that the Port loses money on moorage fees that could go to repairing or replacing docks for future use.

If we work as a community to find a permanent solution, we will all benefit.

CONNOR MORGAN
Astoria

a monetary take from timber harvest.

The basis of the more egalitarian 1998 approach to managing forests lies in the irrefutable truth that change is inevitable. When the 1939 contract was signed, nobody had ever heard the term “global warming.” Now there is good reason to leave trees standing and promote carbon sequestration as a means of gleaming funds from the forests.

In 1939, Oregon was barely in the national consciousness. Now people are flocking to Oregon for the livability and the environment. In 1939, there wasn’t a multi-million dollar tourist industry grounded on the beauty of the state and the recreational opportunities here.

While fish and wildlife were in decline in the 1930s, we hadn’t yet seen species pushed to extinction. In 1939, there was no Environmental Protection Act, which just made Oregon the first state ever to lose federal grant money for failure to clean up coastal streams polluted by logging.

Archibald states that it is “obvious” that we can have all of the mandated benefits from the state forests and “harvest public timber at increased and sustainable rates.” He rightly calls for “sensible conservation measures that preserve our forests.”

These two seemingly contradictory statements are at the heart of the debate about how forest will be managed in Oregon, and throughout the west. It is important that individuals and agencies with a monetary stake in the outcome acknowledge that the meaning of “value” is much broader than money alone.

ROGER DORBAND
Astoria

Our way of life

I am a Democrat. I hate Republicans, but I love my country. We need to stop being ostriches. Vote for Donald Trump.

We need the fence along the Mexican border. Each state can put up their own part. All the wealthy can donate for expenses to have a barbed wire fence with a land mine strip after that. If this doesn’t happen, then our country will be overpopulated like India. Our own people will suffer.

I put aside my own personal feelings for the sake of our country, our future, our way of life, that we take for granted. Trump is the only real man to say what we’re all thinking but too afraid

to say, while these other invasive people take our jobs.

DIANA CARSON
Astoria

Buy him out

I’ve found what I consider an excellent way to settle the Gearhart Grocery/brew pub question. Jeanne Mark, Rick Sabol, Kent Smith, and their other supporters, should pool their finances and buy out Terry Lowenberg and keep the grocery.

They could then find out what working 12 to 16 hours a day seven days a week is like, and they could lose all the money they want without worrying about having a neighborhood brew pub darkening the streets of Gearhart. Seems very logical to me.

Twenty years or so ago, there was opposition to Pacific Way Bakery and Cafe being allowed to open, and opponents likened it to bringing McDonald’s into “downtown” Gearhart.

CHUCK MEYER
Astoria

Good communicator

I am voting for Dawn McIntosh for Circuit Court judge, and support her wholeheartedly.

Dawn has represented me in legal matters since my father’s attorney recommended her 11 years ago. I also know her from working in the Tillamook County Courthouse, and both our children have been in some of the same clubs and events from middle school through graduation.

Dawn not only knows the law, she is a good communicator, and highly intelligent. What I find most impressive is that she listens and takes in all the facts, then advises and fights for what is fair. She is definitely not afraid to tell someone that they are off-base.

She also works hard. Whether it was getting an emergency family matter hearing together within a day; or coming in before the sun came up to do the final draft of our heavily negotiated prenuptial agreement the day before our wedding, she is willing to put in extra hours to get the job done.

I believe Dawn’s years of experience, depth of knowledge, fairness and work ethic are what make her the best candidate to be our newest Circuit Court judge.

Please join me in voting for her.

TONI VANDERSHULE
Seaside

HOW THE CANDIDATES PRONOUNCE “OREGON”...

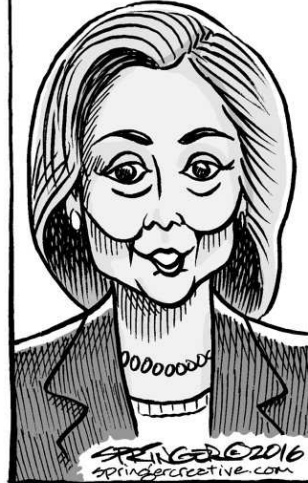
“ARE-UH-GUN”



“OH-REE-GONE”



“IGNOREGON”



Look in the mirror

It seems as though there are quite a few parents who wonder, “Why does my child have anxiety, and depression?” Well news flash parents, start by looking in the mirror.

When your child goes to talk to you, and you shut them out, say you don’t have time for them, or simply just say you don’t care, how do you expect any other outcome than for your child to distance themselves?

When they finally come to you, and say you play a major role in their poor emotions, and you, the parents, shut them out and tell them they are wrong because, “I know how to parent, and I’m doing it right,” you’re probably not as great as you think you are.

So maybe next time, listen when your child wants to speak to you. And if they say you play a role in their poor emotions, accept responsibility for what you did, and find a solution. One of the biggest issues today is that parents never accept responsibility for their actions, and they say they are all-knowing because of their age. We are the most evolved and most knowledgeable generation this planet has ever seen. We might know something, as well.

ANDREW BALCOM
Astoria

Deeply indebted

The Fisheries Technology Class and Aquatic Biology Program at Astoria High School would like to give a sincere thank you to all of our generous sponsors who donated prizes for our very successful sixth annual Fishing Derby fundraiser, which was held at Coffenburg Lake on April 30.

We raised over \$,1000 that will go directly towards paying for Aquatic Biology Program activities and projects.

We are deeply indebted to our community — this program would not exist, and the derby would not have been possible, if it were not for the generous contributions from our sponsors.

Thank you, everyone.

CAMMY TETLOW
KELSEY WULLGER
Student Fishing Derby coordinators
LEE CAIN
Instructor, AHS Aquatic Biology Program

A true gift

This letter is in praise of the administration and staff at the Clatsop Care Memory Community in Warrenton.

Our mother was one of the first residents in this wonderful facility, and they made her, and us, feel immediately at home. Their concern for, care of and interest in every person in the facility, and of every family member of the residents, is simply stellar. Our mother was treated like the treasure she was, and we were warmly welcomed at every visit. We were immediately informed of any issue regarding our mother and of the steps involved in her care.

When the doctor at Columbia Memorial Hospital put mom on hospice, we were unsure whether her return to Clatsop Care Memory Community would be appropriate. Mindy Stokes, the administrator, called and said that mom was part of their family, and to bring her home so that they could care for her during her final days. So we did — and they did take care of her, and of us, with love and compassion. Two staff members even came in on their day off to sit with mom, and were there to say goodbye when she died.

My sister and I have been assured that we will always be a part of the Clatsop Care Memory Community family, and we are, and always will be, grateful to all of the staff. The people who work there and the facility are a true gift to this community.

ALLISON CELLARS
Astoria
CONNIE HALPERIN
Portland

Amazing asset

I am a volunteer with Clatsop Community Action’s Produce Pantry, and would like people to know how great it is. Right now there is a big pot of New England boiled dinner cooking on my stove, with cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onions and bacon. The only thing I had to pay for was the bacon. The rest came from the Produce Pantry last Thursday.

This is available to so many people here who might not know about it. We are set up on Thursdays every week through Sept. 29: 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Astoria at the parking lot next to Burger King; 12 to 1:30 p.m. in the outlet mall parking lot in Seaside; and 3 to 4:30 p.m. at

the CCA warehouse in Warrenton, on Chokeberry Avenue.

It’s not just low income; most people who work in this area full time qualify for this. You can call CCA at 503-861-3663 to ask about the income qualifications. They are generous. Each family leaves with an average of 37 pounds of fresh fruit and veggies, and can come every week. The people who come are so friendly, sharing recipes and helpful hints with others.

Please come share this, and tell others about it, because it is an amazing asset to us all. We are so lucky to have it.

SANDY REA
Seaside

Coal fired

In response to the article “Trump returns to campaign trail, targets Clinton on coal” (*The Daily Astorian*, May 6): I would like to offer my American friends a cautionary tale of what will happen if environmentalists succeed in shutting down your coal-fired power plants.

Ontario was once an industrial powerhouse, and the home of thousands upon thousands of well paid manufacturing jobs. But the province lost at least 300,000 manufacturing jobs in the last 15 years when companies either went bankrupt or left Ontario.

This happened largely because our electricity prices have increased 318 percent since 2002, now giving us the highest rates in North America. A major reason for this staggering rise is that, in the name of “stopping climate change,” we shut down all of our inexpensive coal plants, which, in 2002, provided about 25 percent of our electricity.

Things will be even worse for the U.S. if Hillary Clinton becomes president, and continues President Barack Obama’s climate policies. After all, the U.S. gets 37 percent of its power from coal.

Ontarians were too frightened of climate activists to oppose the plan to end coal-fired power generation. As a consequence, we are now dependent on the charity of more wealthy Canadian provinces to survive. Who will bail out the U.S. if you follow our tragic example?

TOM HARRIS
Executive director,
International Climate Science
Coalition
Ottawa, Ontario

It’s time to bring Hillary and Bernie together

By GAIL COLLINS

New York Times News Service

Bernie Sanders is not going away. And why should he? The weather is nice, the crowds are enormous and he keeps winning primaries. Hillary Clinton has what appears to be an insurmountable lead in delegates, but hope springs eternal.

“It is a steep hill to climb,” he admits.

Actually, probably harder to surmount than Gangkhar Puen-sum. (Which is the world’s highest unclimbed mountain. I am telling you this to distract you from the subject of delegate counts.)

But about Sanders: Democrats, what do you think he should do?

A) Convention floor fight. “Game of Thrones”!

Jon Snow is alive!

B) Go away. When Clinton lost, did she torture Barack Obama over who was going to be on the platform committee? No, she sucked it up and gave an extremely nice endorsement speech.

C) Why can’t we all just get along?

Personally, I think that last one is possible. Although it would probably be a good idea to avoid saying a Clinton nomination could be a “disaster simply to protect the status quo,” as Sanders’ campaign manager did in an email Wednesday.

In an ideal world the Democrats would nominate a presidential candidate who’s got an inspiring vision of change and the competence to run the country from Day 1. This person is not going to be on the ballot this year. So let Hillary Clinton have the nomination and give Ber-



Gail Collins

nie Sanders the party platform.

He deserves a role. Sanders has spent the past year speaking about narrowing the gulf between the rich and the bottom 99 percent, fighting climate change and keeping special interests out of government. He’s inspired millions. It’s pretty much always the same speech, but he’s the one who can bring the music.

(Question: Will the Republicans have a fight about their platform? Nah — Donald Trump will let his opponents put in anything they want. Look, the man has convention entertainment to plan. Given the option of choosing the party position on health care or the dance numbers, you know which way he’s going to go.)

The Democrats could just make the Sanders speech into a platform, then join hands and march into the future. There actu-

ally aren’t a lot of areas of disagreement. Clinton thinks his call for free public college tuition is ... well, let’s not say dumb. Dumb is not going to get you a united convention. Let’s just say too much of a good thing. But she does want free community college tuition. Did you know that? She announced it on the very first official stop of her campaign. Since then not, um, frequently. Feel free to remind her.

They both believe in universal health care coverage. Sanders wants “Medicare for all.” Clinton’s campaign says she does, too, in theory, but just doesn’t believe anything like that could get through Congress. This week she proposed a new option for 50-somethings that *The Times*’ Alan Rappeport and Margot Sanger-Katz called “Medicare for more.”

And you know, if Clinton could actually deliver on those two promises, it would be stupendous. This is an excellent example of the Democratic bottom line: On

many, many issues, her platform is what the Sanders platform would look like if it actually got through the congressional wringer.

On other matters, the Democrats’ current policy divisions are just about doubting Clinton’s intentions. Sanders wants to bring back the Glass-Steagall Act, which bars commercial banks from going into the investment banking business. Clinton says she can crack down on Wall Street better with more recent legislation. Sanders followers don’t believe she means it.

I say, be impressed that there’s a party full of young voters for whom “Glass-Steagall” is a big applause line. You can’t not want to encourage that. Put Glass-Steagall in the platform. Even if Clinton is right, all you’d have is duplication of effort, and it would be an excellent gesture of solidarity.

Finally, there’s the influence of big-money donors on American politics. In theory, Sanders and Clinton are pretty much in the

same place. But in practice, he’s built his entire campaign around the concept of throwing out special interest money, while Clinton’s barely provided lip service.

“One of the four pillars of her campaign was going to be democracy issues,” said Fred Wertheimer, president of the reform group Democracy 21. “Well, the pillars haven’t been around too much.”

Wertheimer had his heart broken by Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, who both promised to make campaign finance a top priority, then didn’t. Hillary Clinton, he thinks, ought to promise something more specific that she could implement right away.

“Set up a task force in the White House whose job it is to pursue this reform. Of top staff people,” he suggested.

Or a blue-ribbon committee featuring Bernie Sanders. Who would certainly never let her hear the end of it if she failed to deliver. Put that in the platform and smoke it.