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Democratic presidential candidate, U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks at a campaign rally at the Port of Los Angeles Friday.

## The problem with Bernie

*Sanders wants to stop two big bipartisan deals*

**N**ewly Powerful Sanders Flexes Senate Muscles,” trumpeted *Politico* last week. The story reported that U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders was urging senators to ditch “some of the most significant bipartisan deals pending in Congress this year.” One is the bipartisan solution to Puerto Rico’s debt crisis. The other is the landmark overhaul of chemical safety laws, which *Politico* termed “the first major environmental legislation in a generation.”

These two rearguard actions illustrate the essence of Bernie Sanders’ world view. They describe his misunderstanding of the legislative process. They reveal his limitations, especially as they would apply to a prospective chief executive.

Sen. Sanders knows what he believes is wrong with these two packages that are poised to move through the Senate. And of course there is always something wrong with legislation. But the legislative process is about compromise and accommodation. It is about achieving the art of the possible.

President Lyndon Johnson understood that process intuitively. It is how he managed the enormous accomplishment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Sanders has no affinity for that process.

At heart, Bernie Sanders is a scold. But that doesn’t make a leader. And the man never has built a legislative coalition.

This is not a pitch for Hillary Clinton, who has her problems, or Donald Trump, who really has his problems. But it is a plea to recognize that Sanders would be hopelessly miscast as president.

## Passenger rail should come first

*Traffic congestion, energy conservation are the imperatives*

**P**assengers and freight have always competed for precedence on rail lines. For 40 years, passenger trains have come first. Now that is being challenged. The U.S. Surface Transportation Board will be deciding whether to accept the argument of freight railroads, which argue that Amtrak’s tacit priority on rail lines should be changed.

*The Wall Street Journal’s* story last week on this case describes the conflicting worlds. Amtrak ridership is up markedly. With fossil fuels in decline, freight lines are struggling and need an advantage.

The Surface Transportation Board will likely parse this

dispute five different ways. But at the end of the day, its decision will be about America’s future. And one way of describing that is that we must nurture and generate new mass transportation solutions. That imperative is driven by growing traffic congestion and the need for energy conservation as it relates to climate change.

Put simply, rail passengers replace drivers and vehicles on the highway.

Freight trains travel more slowly than passenger trains. On-time performance is everything for the Amtrak rail passenger network.

Giving freight trains precedence would be a giant step in the wrong direction.

# A lot of history surrounds the Seaside Golf Course

**O**ne of the city’s historic properties is getting a save.

Like others who grew up in the 1950s and ‘60s, Seaside’s Phil Warmbrodt and Cassie Sweeney had fond memories of the Seaside Golf Course and its famed restaurant, the Par-Tee Dining Room.

“The three premier dinner houses in the 1950s and 1960s were the Par-Tee Room, the Crab Broiler, and Harrah’s downtown,” Warmbrodt said. “They had wedding, receptions, prom dinners — this was the spot.”

Warmbrodt and Sweeney, who also own Borland Electric in Gearhart, are the new owners of the Par-Tee and its 125 acres, including the nine-hole Seaside Golf Course.

“Our goal is to revive the course because it had gone downhill so bad in the last 10 years,” Warmbrodt said. “The first two weeks we’ve done nothing but clean. We just took out 18 dump trucks full of trash. Six big 30-foot containers.”

Sweeney said she plans to revive the breakfast and lunch business, open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the restaurant with the bar open until 9 p.m. in the summer. “We’re expanding the bar with more seating, and patio with outside seating,” she said. “We have a big clientele for Sunday brunch.”

Warmbrodt, 64 and Sweeney, 63, are both Seaside High School grads. They’ve owned Borland Electric in Gearhart for 23 years.

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### The ‘last word in elegance’

Oregon Coast historian Ellis Lucia described Ben Holladay’s Seaside House as “the last word in elegance.”

Holladay, a Portland land developer and railroad builder known as the “giant of the Old West,” bought the property in 1870 and designed an Italian villa with “some 50 luxurious guest rooms, thickly-carpeted Victorian parlors, bars and lounges, game rooms and a splendid dining hall serv-

## SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

By R.J. MARX



ing the finest cuisine in all the West.”

In its heyday, the resort boasted a race track, stable of race horses, groves of trees, vast lawns and a stream with a wooden bridge.

According to Lucia, “the nation’s elite — Wall Street bankers, Comstock nabobs, tycoons, congressmen, legislators flocked to Seaside House,” transporting them to the hotel over a road paved with clamshells.

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But by the 1900s Seaside House was empty. The former grand hotel was converted to a medical facility during the war.

After the war, Seaside House was dismantled, making way for the Seaside Golf Course in 1923. The course was designed by a celebrity of his day, Chandler Egan, the last summer games Olympic gold-medal winner for golf, held in 1904 in St. Louis.

Egan went on to settle in the Pacific Northwest, where he designed golf courses from Pebble Beach to Seattle, including Seaside’s.

On opening day, Oregon’s state champion Clare Griswold and Rudolph Wilhelm, both of the Portland Golf Club, defeated O.F. Willing of Waverly Country Club and John Rebstock of Portland “1-up.”

## The ghosts of old sex scandals

By CHARLES BLOW  
New York Times News Service

**W**e are now being forced to relive the decades-old sex scandals of Bill Clinton, as Donald Trump tries desperately to shield and inoculate himself from well-earned charges of misogyny.

I say, if we must go there, let’s go all the way. Let’s do this dirty laundry, as Kelly Rowland, former Destiny’s Child member, once crooned.

First, multiple women have accused Clinton of things ranging from sexual misconduct to rape. Paula Jones famously brought a sexual harassment case against Clinton. The case was dismissed, but on appeal, faced with the prospect of having to testify under oath, Clinton settled the case out of court.

Clinton has maintained that he had inappropriate sexual relationships with only two women: Gennifer Flowers, a model and actress, and Monica Lewinsky, a White House intern.

Clinton was impeached on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice in connection with his affair with Lewinsky.

Let’s just say this: Clinton was as wrong as the day is long for his affairs. There is no way around that.

But the problem was that many of the men condemning the beam in Clinton’s eye were then shown to have one in their own.

Newt Gingrich, who was so incredibly disliked that he stepped down not only from his speakership in the House of Representatives, but also from Congress altogether, later admitted cheating on his first wife (with whom he discussed divorce terms while she was in the hospital for cancer) and on his second (that cheating occurred while Gingrich led the Clinton impeachment proceedings).



Charles Blow

Into the void created by Gingrich’s departure stepped speaker-to-be Robert L. Livingston of Louisiana.

But, as *The Chicago Tribune* reported at the time:

“On the eve of the House debate to impeach President Clinton for lying about sex with Monica Lewinsky, House Speaker-elect Bob Livingston told his Republican colleagues Thursday night that he had strayed from his marriage and had adulterous affairs. Only a few hours after Livingston decided to proceed with the impeachment debate despite U.S. forces being engaged in hostilities in Iraq, he admitted in a GOP caucus that he had ‘on occasion’ committed infidelity and in ‘doing so nearly cost me my marriage and family.’”

And Livingston wasn’t the only Republican moving to impeach Clinton for lying about a sexual affair who would be forced out of the shadows for his own sexual scandals.

Dennis Hastert, who became speaker in 1999, pleaded guilty last year to illegally structuring bank withdrawals in order to pay what prosecutors contend was hush money to a man Hastert had sexually abused as a child. Indeed, as *The Times* reported in April, federal prosecutors asserted that Hastert “molested at least four boys, as young as 14, when he worked as a high school wrestling coach decades ago,” before the Clinton impeachment hearings.

Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, who *The Times* reported had raised “the specter of the Watergate era” when discussing Clinton, admitted to a journalist during the proceedings that he’d had a five-year affair with a married woman decades earlier.

“Some very good golf was played,” reported the July 5, 1923, *Seaside Signal*, “with four birdies negotiated and a number of holes brilliantly played.”

Charlie Cartwright II bought the place in 1931. Cartwright was the grandson of Charles Morrison Cartwright, one of the “pioneers of 1853,” a state legislator and namesake for Seaside’s Cartwright Park.

Charlie Cartwright II maintained the golf course and built the Par-Tee Room and Lounge extension in 1954.

“This place was hopping, it was alive,” Sweeney said. “This was the place to go. It was the best dinner house in Seaside.”

Charlie Cartwright, who died in 2003 at 94, sold the golf course to Fred Fulmer Jr. in 1971.

### New owners

After Fulmer’s sons Wayne and Fred III died, Fulmer’s daughter Vickie sold it to the Warmbrodts this spring in a deal brokered by Cascade Sotheby’s International, Farzan Kamali and Sally Conrad. In acquiring the 125-acre property, they also acquired the old Fulmer house next door.

“We were able to commandeer this with a unique deal,” Warmbrodt said. “We bought the corporation intact, which won’t take place until around June 1.”

The bones of the building are “excellent,” Warmbrodt said. “It’s very sound.”

Plans for the upstairs remain uncertain. “We want to get the breakfast and lunch clientele built up before we open upstairs in the Par-Tee room,” he said.

Meanwhile, the couple is moving next door with the former Cartwright house next to the putting green.

“It kind of just happened,” Sweeney said. “We were just getting ready to go to Tucson. We’re a little tired, but we’re loving it.”

“It’s way more than what we anticipated, but we brought Borland’s back to success,” Warmbrodt said.

“We want to make it alive again,” Sweeney added. “For people to enjoy it. To make it hopping.”

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Dan Burton, House Government Reform and Oversight Committee chairman, who *The Washington Post* described as “one of President Clinton’s most persistent and combative critics,” was forced to admit that he had a secret love child.

And, just last week, *The Times* reported:

“Kenneth W. Starr, the former independent counsel who delivered a report that served as the basis for President Bill Clinton’s impeachment in 1998, was removed as president of Baylor University on Thursday after an investigation found the university mishandled accusations of sexual assault against football players.”

The sweep of karma and the level of hypocrisy is just staggering.

No wonder nearly two-thirds of Americans opposed Clinton’s impeachment, and he emerged from the impeachment with record-high approval ratings.

Now, Trump wants to dip into this muck again, even though he has his own extramarital affair.

Indeed, nine days after Clinton admitted his affair with Lewinsky, Trump seemed to support him and find kinship, saying, “Paula Jones is a loser, but the fact is that she may be responsible for bringing down a president indirectly.” Trump also mused on the prospect of his own run for public office, saying, “Can you imagine how controversial that’d be? You think about him with the women. How about me with the women? Can you imagine ...”

I can, actually. Last week, when Trump lawyer Michael Cohen was confronted on CNN with Trump’s defenses of Clinton during the sex scandals, Cohen responded that at the time Trump was simply trying to “protect a friend.” And yet, this is the same camp lambasting Hillary Clinton as an “enabler” for trying to protect a husband?

It’s all incredibly distasteful, yes, but it also doesn’t jibe. And, aside from the unshakable feeling that there is something tragically off about using a husband’s philandering as a weapon against a betrayed wife, I also doubt the public will have much stomach for these stories, just as it didn’t in the 1990s.

Dirty laundry, done.