

## Donald and Archie

It seems that Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump recently fired his employee terminator, Laura Deboom, and she wanted to get even. So she secretly taped the following conversation between Trump and Archie (“All in the Family”) Bunker at the Beacon Tavern at Trump International Hotel and Tower in Chicago. Huddled in an adjoining booth, Laura overheard the following remarks.

DT: Archie. I need some of your great advice from yesterday. OK? I love the poorly educated.

AB: Thank you, Mr. T. Fire away.

DT: Well, I’ve gotten lots of flak for occasional remarks about women, some accusing me of calling women pigs, dogs and bimbos. But I say I will be so good to women. I will be phenomenal to the women.

AB: No problem, Donald. Remember what I said about Dingbat and Gloria and their ilk? Women was made from a man’s rib and are inferior. So we get a cheaper cut. Besides, women’s libbers have a lot of fancy ideas that just don’t belong. Like puttin’ lace on a bowling ball. And a woman should cleave unto her husband, like my Dingbat does. Right here is where Edith’s cleavage belongs.

DT: The liberal pinkos are calling me irreligious. But I tell ’em nobody reads the Bible more than me. I love 2 Corinthians. God will be very proud of me. The Bible’s even better than my “Art of the Deal,” and that’s no small feat.

AB: Tell ’em we need to respect God and teach our kids that the Bible ain’t no booby trap. They need to be scared of God. Period.

DT: I was the first to really focus on the immigration problem, Archie. I said we needed to build a huge wall to keep out Mexican drug dealers, terrorists, rapists and other thugs — though some Mexicans are great. What do you think about immigration, Archie?

AB: I said — way back — no bum that can’t speak perfect English oughta stay in this country — oughta be de-exported the hell oughta here. And I don’t want no Hispanics living next door. One colored family is a novelty and two’s a ghetto.

DT: Great advice, Archie. Say, what do you think about welfare — you know, how liberal pinkos want to take us fabulously rich guys’ hard-earned money and give it away to poor, shiftless street bums?

AB: It’s all a conspiracy, Donald. The Democrats’ way of ruining the country is to go tell us all how we oughta make “sacrifices,” giving away my money to spics and spades. They’re all gonna have us over the hill to the poorhouse. If these progressive pinkos get their way, we’re all gonna hear one big flush. The country’s goin’ straight into the dumper.

DT: You’re right, Archie. And I promise you that, when I’m elected, there’ll be hell tooupee.

ROBERT BRAKE  
Ocean Park, Washington

## Abortion thoughts

It is now the law of the land that one type of ambulatory surgical center does not need to comply with standard health safety regulations applied to all other centers.

Whole Women’s Health v. Hellerstedt (June 27, 2016) was a 5-3 Supreme Court decision exempting abortion facilities from health safety standards, including the requirement that the abortionist have admitting privileges in a nearby hospital.

The majority ruled that safeguards were unnecessary and burdensome. To whom, one wonders? Quoting Justice Antonin Scalia, Justice Clarence Thomas objected to the Court’s “troubling tendency ‘to bend the rules when any effort to limit abortion, or even to speak in opposition to abortion, is at issue.’”

Hillary Clinton claimed the decision was a “victory for women.” Really? At the expense of their dead babies? What about the thousands of young girls who are victims of sex trafficking? According to Oregon Right to Life’s June-August issue of *Life in Oregon*, 55 percent of them have had at least one abortion; 30 percent have had multiple

# Where have all the ferries gone?

Leaning out the window of my sixth-story perch in the historic John Jacob Astor Hotel, I soaked in my first impressions of my new place to live: Astoria. My nose sniffed the air detecting a foul odor of fish. I watched the pigeons flutter here and there, quietly listening to their calm cooing sounds. The mighty Columbia River within my view was an awesome sight for sure.

Yet, the one thing that would soon become a huge part of my young life was the crisp painted black-and-white ferries. I watched as each loaded cars and passengers to cross the river to the Washington side of the Columbia. It was the only way people got across the river from the Astoria area in those days.

I often rode across the river on the ferry as one of my Saturday adventures. It only cost one quarter to ride across and back. It was great fun. I felt like Huckleberry Finn, riding the huge stern wheelers up and down the Mississippi River. I came to love the ferries.

Inside the ferry, there was a snack bar where I would purchase hot chocolate and toast. After finishing my yummy morning snack, I would venture out to the side of the ferry to watch the river traffic. I was amazed at the size of the huge cargo ships as they passed nearby. I enjoyed leaning over the railing to watch the blue gray water slap against the white sided vessel. The whole trip only took about an hour and a half out of my day. The marine adven-

ture was worth every second.

It wasn’t very long before the ferries became obsolete. They were replaced by a huge bridge that spans the whole river. The bridge has a special beauty of its own, yet I miss the majestic, slow moving beauty of the ferries. They were a wonderful part of Astoria’s culture.

In my minds eye, I can still see the ferries and their black-and-white colors contrasting against the blue gray water of the Columbia River. My heart’s desire would be to see that wonderful piece of Astoria history return. Perhaps I could again catch a ride across the river on the ferry, a childhood adventure.

PATTY DAVIS  
Hammond

abortion. Over half of these girls reported being ordered to abort by their traffickers.

Women’s health was not a concern for the majority of the court on June 27. But their decision was certainly a victory for the abortion industry’s bottom line. Incidentally, according to LifeNews.com, all 820 Planned Parenthoods in the U.S. now provide abortions, or refer patients to one of their own facilities that does provide them. And they keep building new mega-facilities in minority areas of large cities (Portland, Houston, New Orleans). Is this genocide?

JEAN M. HERMAN  
Astoria

## Betsy Johnson

A veteran is like that relative no one wants to talk about. But state Sen. Betsy Johnson is someone. To her, veterans matter.

*Disabled Veterans Magazine* finally wrote about the U.S. Navy exposing troops to nuclear, biological and chemical agents in the 1970s. The military has been experimenting on service women and men since the end of World War II, and all the while Congress has been benefiting from insider trading of stocks for those who do this so-called medical research.

Though Sen. Johnson does not get involved with military matters, she still cares. When I wrote her in March about the Veterans Administration blatantly disregarding my rights, for 10 years now, to see a federal judge for my case — a claim against the VA for the Navy radiation experiment conducted on us aboard the USS Skipjack, and the deteriorating conditions resulting from same — she referred me to one of our state’s representatives in Washington, D.C., whose office did contact me a week later to say they would take care of it. That was last March, and that’s the last I heard from that representative’s office.

Just two weeks ago, our Betsy Johnson wrote me a letter asking if the representative’s office was able to help me. What a surprise. No, Sen. Johnson, they have yet to reveal how they will get my case before a federal judge, but after nearly three months, they still have time — about a week to meet the deadline.

Once a politician refers us elsewhere, we never expect to hear from that politician again. Perhaps Sen. Betsy Johnson is not a politician. I wish she was Oregon’s representative in D.C. Thank you for reading about this good woman.

DANE JACONETTI  
Hammond

## Insurance upset

Since moving to Oregon in 2001, I was being seen at a North Coast medical provider. My husband retired from the military after serving 30 years. The military moved us here.

I was recently informed by the provider they don’t accept military insurance (Tricare) anymore. The office manager told me they only get 41 cents on the dollar every time they see a Tricare patient. Really? Why are they contracted with Tricare? All these men and women fight for our country, and for your rights, and they can’t accept their insurance, all because you don’t get paid 100 percent for the visit?

Also, if you need to talk to the doctors at the provider about two different medical issues, you have to make a different appointment for each issue you

are having. I was told that the insurance company won’t pay for more than one issue per office visit. I called Tricare, and they said that is simply not true.

Both doctors are professional and are very knowledgeable in their profession, but I feel it is not fair that they are no longer accepting patients based on this criteria. Our military men and women deserve better. For all the medical professionals who accept Tricare insurance, I thank you.

BERNICE LAWRENCE  
Warrenton

## Multitude of fools

The editorial in the July 5 edition of *The Daily Astorian*, “Chinook ancestors would be proud,” discussed the Benghazi tragedy, where four brave Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens, were abandoned by their superiors, then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her accomplice, the affirmative action president, who ignored dozens of requests to bolster security in that Libyan danger zone.

It’s disgusting — nay, criminal — that after nearly four years no one has been held accountable for this act of treason. Much of the American public apparently has simply given a pass to Hillary, an acknowledged habitual liar, and the empty suit in the Oval Office, despite the fact that their non-action was due to purely political purposes — the election was just a few weeks away.

Even some people in Europe understand our miserable situation here, a fact reflected in an article from a newspaper in the Czech Republic. A segment from the Prague paper, *Prager Zeitungon*, had this to say: “The danger to America is not Barack Obama, but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the presidency ... the republic can survive a Barack Obama, who is after all, merely a fool. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools such as those who made him president.”

Hillary, campaigning vigorously (again) for an office for which she is as unqualified as the current occupant of the White House ever was, is hoping the article is correct about the “multitude of fools,” figuring the public is foolish enough to elect her. This might be time to quote her when she said, referring to Benghazi: “What difference does it make?”

E. ROBERT NASSIKAS  
Astoria

## Great production

We love our PAPA — the Peninsula Association of Performing Artists, that is. Once again, they have produced a top-drawer, family-friendly Broadway musical worthy of the name of that famous New York street. The scale may be small, but the entertainment value (and professional dedication) are huge.

Last Friday’s opening of “Once Upon a Mattress” was delightful. The cast, lead by George Fox theatre graduate Brooke Brown, seemed to be having as much fun as the audience. High energy singing and dancing from start to finish shuffled in with lots of chuckles, guffaws and belly laughs. What a charming, non-traditional fairy tale where the princess impresses all with her daring-do, causing the prince to practically swoon.

Highly recommended for all, but especially young girls — who will be inspired by

this “be yourself” message. It’s playing weekends through Aug. 7 at the historic Fort Columbia theater. Tickets are available at [www.papatheater.com](http://www.papatheater.com)

MARK SCARBOROUGH  
Seaview, Washington

## Help is available

Help with heating and cooling is available. To let all our Clatsop County residents know: Clatsop Community Action’s Energy Assistance Program has funding under the state’s Oregon Energy Assistance Program for those who are in danger of having their electrical service disconnected due to home heating costs. CCA also has some additional new funding resources this year that may help with cooling your home.

Please call or come into CCA to see if you might be eligible for these great low-income programs at 364 Ninth St. The phone number is 503-325-1400, and the hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

ELAINE BRUCE  
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Astoria

## Decision-makers

Public safety. A better library. Affordable housing.

Well-maintained parks and trolley tracks. A balanced budget. The five members of the Astoria City Council make decisions about these, and many other issues. Their goal is to keep our town vibrant, safe and livable.

Don’t believe the current demonization of politicians. Especially in Astoria, we have serious city councilors determined to do their best for our town, not for themselves. And yet, if good people don’t run for office, then we risk having candidates running primarily for their own gain or personal agendas.

Our city councilors commit their time, talent and wisdom to benefit all of us. This November, voters will elect two new city councilors, one for Ward 2 and another for Ward 4. Will you be one of them?

Astoria is blessed with many active and engaged residents who agree with Oregon Governor Tom McCall’s inspiring statement, “Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say, ‘This is my community, and it’s my responsibility to make it better.’”

If you agree with him, please consider running for city council or finding other qualified candidates.

The deadline for filing to run for a city council seat is Aug. 30. Ward 2 includes

roughly the south slope around to roughly west of downtown. Ward 4 is roughly east of downtown to the eastern boundary of Astoria. Precise information about boundaries and election requirements is at the County Clerk’s office, 820 Exchange St., Suite 220, or call the office at 503-325-8511.

If you don’t run for office, who will?

Laurie Caplan  
Astoria

## Bravo!

Recently I attended the opening night showing of the Peninsula Association of Performing Artists’ production “Once Upon a Mattress” at the Fort Columbia Theater. The show was funny and very well done. Jonathan Cole is a riot as mute King Sextimus. Ron Thompson plays Prince Dauntless the Drab with aplomb, carrying off the “mama’s boy” routine superbly.

As Princess Winnifred the Woebegone, Brooke Brown does a fabulous job. Her expressions and dramatic pauses are almost funnier than her lines at times. Grace Scarborough continues to display the comedic talent that made her a hit as a stepsister in “Cinderella” last year. Her Nightingale of Samarkand hits just the right note (pun intended).

If you are looking for something to make you laugh, or you just love well-done shows, come see “Once Upon a Mattress” before it is gone. You will have a great time.

COTY GROTE  
Chinook, Washington

## Bad dreams

In response to “Ku Klux Klan dreams of rising again 150 years after founding” (*The Daily Astorian*, July 6):

Donald Trump, Republican candidate, dreams of presidency, gains endorsement by the Klan. Good dreams or nightmares? Decide for yourself.

My wife and I have decided, and have become members of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which works to combat hatred and violence in every state in our union.

ALAN RICHARDS  
Naselle, Washington

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

# Are you caring for an aging loved one?



## Free classes funded through the State of Oregon can help.

Oregon Care Partners offers free classes for caregivers — both online and in-person. Classes on a wide variety of topics can help you handle common caregiving issues like:

- Forgetfulness
- Alzheimer’s & dementia
- Anger & aggression
- Managing medications



Classes offered online and in-person at NO COST to you

In-person classes are held around the state and taught by caring professionals who understand the needs of family caregivers. Online classes are also available, and most take only an hour or two.

Free classes are available to anyone living or working in Oregon.

For class listings and registration, visit [OregonCarePartners.com](http://OregonCarePartners.com)

## COMING SOON TO ASTORIA

Positive Approach to Alzheimer’s & Dementia Care (PAC) Workshop

August 10, 5:30pm-8:30pm  
Best Western Lincoln Inn

Navigating Challenging Behaviors: Strengthening Communications Skills

August 11, 8:30am-1:00pm  
Best Western Lincoln Inn

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