

Vote someone else

Will the least worst presidential candidate please stand up? Several years ago I came to the conclusion that it did not serve the people of this country to always have to choose between the least worst political candidate. I figured that for the last 40 years that is what I have been doing, and now we have the two most disliked people in America running for president.

Hillary Clinton has an extremely long history of lying and destroying records that could possibly incriminate her. The FBI has been investigating the Clintons for as long as they have been in politics, starting in Arkansas. The 2016 Democratic primaries were rigged, and participated in money laundering campaign funds, with Hillary's advice and consent. Donald Trump is an ignorant, bombastic, racist moron.

I left the Democratic party several years ago when I realized it was corrupt. There are nine political parties in Oregon. The Green Party, the Working Families Party, the Independent Party, etc. Find one that represents you, and participate.

The Democrats, along with the Republicans, are now choosing to help corporations instead of America. Think: A party that has no membership, has no power. So dear Democrats, please leave your corrupt party. Join another party that has your values, and participate.

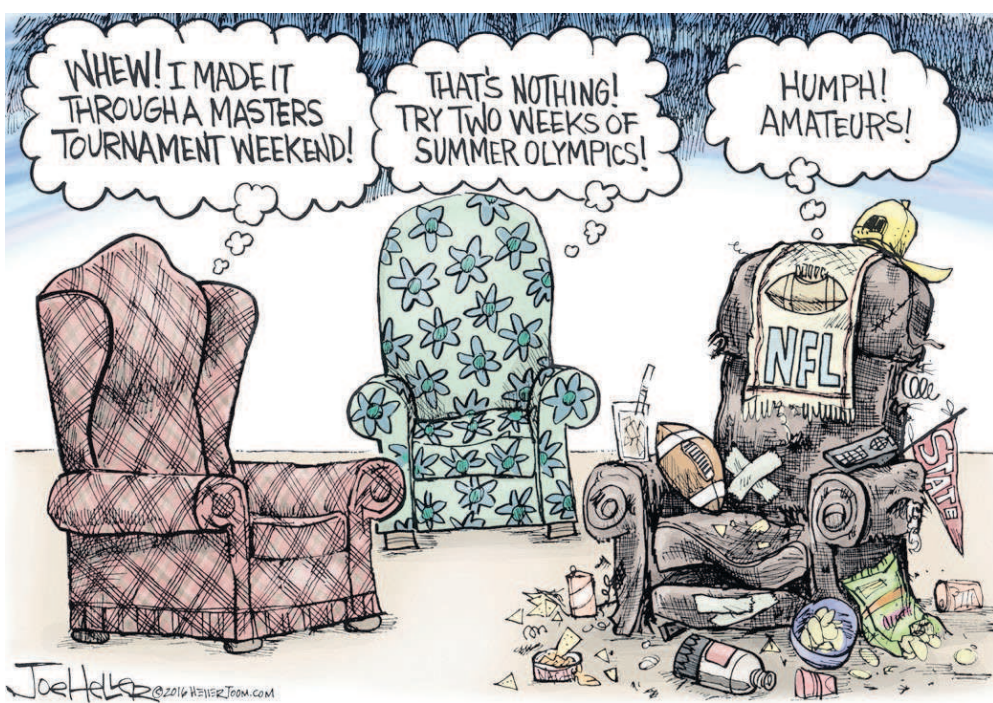
My sister, who is five years older than me, is voting for Hillary because she remembers her from many years ago, and gets her information from the TV. She doesn't want to know anything bad about Hillary. My brother is voting for Trump, because my brother watches FOX news and doesn't read. My daughter is voting for Hillary because she is frightened of Trump. And I am voting for Jill Stein, because she has "Bernie values," which are my values.

Do not vote for a candidate because you are afraid of the other one. Vote your values.

DIXIE GAINER
Nehalem

Regulate now

The primary cause of the 1930s Great Depression



was speculation by commercial banks in the stock market, while governmental missteps prolonged it. Because of the banking abuses, legislation was enacted in 1933 known as the Glass-Steagall Act, to erect a barrier between investment banking and normal commercial bank operations to prevent another financial disaster.

That act was wrongly repealed in 1999, when President Bill Clinton signed the legislation to deregulate the banking industry, allowing the banks to once again police themselves. Wall Street is now laughing at America because by the end of 2015, the four largest investment banks in New York have created credit swap derivatives of \$186.6 trillion. A derivative is an agreement between two parties to pay each other money depending on the performance of some other underlying asset, such as a bond.

We know that Hillary Clinton has amassed an enormous campaign chest by making speeches to wealthy donors, such as hundreds of thousands of dollars received from Goldman Sachs. Goldman Sachs alone has created \$51.2 trillion in derivatives.

Massive losses by an institution creating derivatives will allow them to use their bank deposits to offset the derivative losses. This is known as a bail-in and the depositors can be wiped out. The Glass-Steagall

Act must now be reenacted to prevent the Wall Street creation of a new class of victims.

ROBERT A. DAHLQUIST
Orange, California

Thanks, coach

I wish I was able to attend Warrenton High School's field-naming ceremony for longtime Coach John Matilla. I'm sure the people of Warrenton know full well his impact and legacy, but I also wanted to affirm his impact and legacy extend beyond the North Coast.

I played for Warrenton rival Portland Christian, where we quickly learned to respect Coach Matilla's teams. They played hard with well-taught skill, but also displayed deft sportsmanship. They would win with grace and lose (rarely, it seemed) with honor. Coach Matilla always had kind words to say during the post-game handshake, offering encouragement, even to his opponents.

Later, when I became a coach at PC myself, Coach Matilla had an even bigger impact on me. He showed genuine excitement that I was entering the coaching field. He always asked about how I was doing personally, and never stopped encouraging me. He was quick to offer advice, or share a story. I consider him a role model.

I imagine there are hun-

dreds of others he impacted who would echo my sentiments. I am pleased that Coach Matilla is being honored in such a way, because it is so clearly deserved. Thanks, coach, for your life of service.

KIRBY GLEASON
Portland

Pay down debt

Regarding the Seaside school bond, I would like to believe that the majority of our county's citizens recognize the need to not only replace, but to move our schools to higher ground. As a home owner, I was quite pleased to note that the school district has managed to pare down the previous bond request from \$128.8 million to \$99.7 million ("Q&A: Dougherty looks beyond the bond," *The Daily Astorian*, Sept. 2).

As I read through the article, however, my developing enthusiasm for becoming an ambassador — touting to all why they should support the new bond proposal — was deflated considerably by the superintendent's remarks, which failed to state that the existing schools were going to be sold to pare down the bond indebtedness; rather, he raised the possibility that they might be sold to fund additional expansion of a new campus.

While I applaud the school board's work in reducing the cost of the school moves, it

would be tragic if this bond attempt were to also fail, simply because there was no commitment by the school board to sell the existing properties to pay down the indebtedness in order to further minimize the property tax burden.

Perhaps the school board has persuasive arguments as to why they are choosing not to reduce the property tax burden created by passage of this bond by selling the existing properties for that purpose. I will be listening to hear them, but at the same time worrying that any such arguments could distract from the essential objective of persuading voters to approve this very much needed bond measure.

TIM CRAWFORD
Arch Cape

No more odor

We would like to thank Astoria Councillor Russ Warr and the Astoria Public Works Department for their quick response to our concerns regarding sewage odors emanating from City Pump No. 1 in Alderbrook. Once again we can open our windows and enjoy our wonderful coastal air.

STAN and MARTHA PINE
Astoria

Great job

What a fabulous time all had going through the Flavel house on 15th Street. I, along with many other volunteers, was present on Aug. 14 to help guide the hundreds of people who viewed the house. All were in awe, and Greg Newen-hof was deluged with thank yous for his devotion to this restoration. I think he will just have to get used to the many thanks yet to come.

Greg is a marvelous person to take on the task and labor of love in this restoration. He is to be praised. I thank him for all he is doing to take this neglected house, and once again show us its elegance.

DIAN KAZLAUSKAS
Astoria

Outstanding work

Thanks to In One Ear and the article of Sept. 2 for the interesting write up on the res-

toration project of the Hiram Brown House ("Have barge, will travel," *The Daily Astorian*). I was delighted to see the owner of Pacific Window Restoration, Katie Rathmell, involved in bringing that fascinating old home back to vibrant life.

Ms. Rathmell restored the windows in my historic home here in Astoria with absolute skill and craftsmanship. Her care in dealing with decades of old paint and scrupulous attention to detail stood out amidst other contractors involved, and all with a sense of humor. It was a complete surprise when my home, the Andrew Young House, was awarded the Harvey Award this year, and Katie's work shines through every window. Thanks, The Daily Astorian, for following her work on the Hiram Brown House.

LAURA ROGERS
Astoria

Help still needed

The South County Community Food Bank, a food pantry, continues to need your help. For more than 31 years we have been feeding the hungry and assisting the needy in our communities. In recent years, thanks to the assistance of the Bank of the Pacific, the Oregon Community Foundation, the Seaside Chamber of Commerce and hundreds of residents and friends in south Clatsop County, we have been helping an average of 1,100 people per month.

We have a new building. We have new partners, as we serve the needy. The need is great. Summer is ending, which means some employed will lose hours or face layoffs and need more help. The new building is finished, but we still have expenses to pay for on the building and improvements. We always need financial support and donations of food to continue our mission of hope.

You can find us at 2041 N. Roosevelt Drive in Seaside for food donations or to visit our pantry. The hours are 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 602, Seaside, OR 97138.

Please remember us as winter approaches. Thank you.

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Gearhart

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Clatsop County Emergency Management presents Fall Preparedness Events

NW Natural Gas "Get Ready" Event

Emergency prep booths & demonstrations for locals, visitors & pets!
Warrenton Fire Department
Saturday, September 10
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Brownsmead Grange Corn Feed

Preparedness information, ham dinner and good company!
Brownsmead Grange
Sunday, September 11
2 - 6 p.m.

Sheltering With Confidence

Learn how to assist during disaster at local evacuation shelters—
registration required.
Gray School, Astoria
Sunday, October 2
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Clatsop County CERT Training

Disaster training for citizens & volunteers—registration required.
Camp Kiwanilong, Warrenton
November 4, 5, 6 (Fri/Sat/Sun)
9 - 6 Daily

Great Oregon Shakeout

Participate as a group or on your own.
Register at <http://shakeout.org/oregon/>
October 20
10:20 a.m.

For Information & Registration:

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