

From a dark horse

Join the flash mob to write-in a protest vote. This election is a perfect example of the universal desire to be heard. As founding architect of the Kodel Party vision “to create a middle class party for truer representation,” I hope to earn your protest vote so we can continue the forward momentum propelling this long overdue middle class movement. Whomever you vote for says more about you than the candidate. Sadly, the presidential election will be decided long before you cast your vote, so why not make it count in another way? If you can’t bring yourself to vote for HRC or DJT consider SWL (Steven William Laible). Send D.C. a strong message: Middle class representation required.

We don’t have to win to effect change. We must stop anointing billionaires, millionaires, aristocrats, bullies or socialists as our rulers. They just don’t get it. If you want legislatures to take the middle class seriously, we must first take ourselves seriously.

Give me just five minutes. Explore the website, www.kodelparty.us. See what the Kodel Party White House platform looks like. If you like what you see, then please ignite your social universe inviting more like-minded people to join the Flash Mob Write-in Protest Vote on Nov. 8 using hashtags #FlashMobProtestVote #SweepDC #CrashDCUniverse.

You do have a reason to vote. Do something great in 2016 — one thing for you, and one for mankind. #WinUSBack for #AmericaTheBeautiful, not with flaming torches, but rather with No. 2 pencils.

Keep Oregon relevant. Vote for Steve William Laible. Follow on Twitter @KodelParty.

STEVE WILLIAM LAIBLE
Presidential candidate,
Kodel Party
Grants Pass

Missed opportunity

Even in retirement, Steve Forrester still enjoys writing (“In a post-Trump world, women loom large,” *The Daily Astorian*, Oct 28). Forrester wasted a golden opportunity to put forth convincing advocacy about workplace sexual and other abuse of women. I say wasted because Forrester didn’t give even a passing reference to the best examples in modern times of workplace abuse of women — President and Mrs. Clinton.

I don’t mean Bill Clinton’s sex with 20-year old Monica Lewinsky, which appears to have been consensual, but the post-sex lying, perjury and attempts to trash the young woman by her employers, the Clintons, who at the time were the most powerful people on the planet. And this doesn’t even consider the other acts of nonworkplace abuse of women, and the attempted coverups of those acts by the Clintons.

Forrester’s piece would’ve been credible and persuasive to everybody by at least referencing the Clintons. Massaging only his Democrat hard-core base ruined a legitimate argument, even for most thinking Democrats. And ended up being just another anti-Republican hit piece by a biased media guy.

DON HASKELL
Astoria

A lighted fuse

One more observation about the Donald Trump paranormality: Trump’s appeal perhaps comes from his simple answers to complex questions, which gives people a feel-good fantasy (“Build the wall and make Mexico pay for it.”)

His success and failure in business is consistent with his one-dimensional, linear and reactive intellect. Oppositely, managing the business and affairs of a great country is complex and requires the comprehension, cool nerves, inductive reasoning and perception found in a complex

Youth soccer’s big boosters

A generous gift blooms with volunteers. Through the efforts of Cee-Cee Wakefield at Home Depot, the Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association (LCYSA) was the recipient of a \$3,800 shopping spree at the local store to help complete the playground and take care of some deferred maintenance at the soccer fields. Many Home Depot vendors augmented this gift with material donations, and even showed up to help. This gift came with lots of pre-planning and wonderful community generosity.

On Thursday, Oct. 27, the soccer complex was busy. A Home Depot semi and forklift delivered a swing set, a pallet of Sacrete, a cement mixer, new siding, a new door and new timbers for the bleachers. By 8 a.m. there were at least 15 cars in the lot with ladders, tools,

chain saws, weed eaters, plants and everything you need for this barn-raising type day; even lunch and T-shirts were part of the planning.

The best part were all the volunteers. The rain didn’t allow for any painting, but that will happen, and all our buildings will soon feature our blue and gold club colors. A new trail was blazed to the playground, the Snow monument was adorned with plants, the long anticipated swings were installed, rotten siding and bleacher seats were replaced, pressure washing was done, a rotten door replaced, even a leaky faucet and old light fixtures were replaced.

Thank you, Home Depot. And thanks to so many volunteers, who for 32 years have helped LCYSA serve youth soccer players in the area. I’m especially gratified by the more than

\$50,000 donated to our new playground and improved parking lot.

The city of Warrenton, Nygaard Logging, Big River, Gil Gramson and the county remained unbelievable supporters and contributors. Thanks too, to all who raised a shovel and donated time. None of what we do happens without our generous sponsors, some 80 volunteer coaches, our administrators, referees, even accountants and lawyers who support our efforts.

A sincere thanks to all our volunteers and contributors. We never say thank you enough. We never say no either, to anyone willing to help; come join us. You’re more likely to be given a key to the complex and asked what else you want to help with.

JERRY BOISVERT
Warrenton

intellect. Trump is nothing more than a lighted fuse looking for a war to start.

I disagree with Clinton on immigration, but I would not hire someone with social and mental problems to implement his view of immigration. Trump has a child-like understanding of the issue, and does not understand the relationship between immigration, poverty, unemployment and high birth rates.

Bernie supporters: I wanted Joe Biden for president because he has the qualities to bring opposites together, but I will vote for Cinton’s ability and experience. We can’t always get exactly what we want, but let’s not allow the Trump insanity to continue. Can’t we find hobbies and therapy for spoiled billionaires other than letting them run/ruin our country?

Our conceptions in elections and life are shaped by the variety of news sources we use — how many objective news magazines, newspapers, editorials, radio news programs each person accesses each day, how many nonfiction books we read in a year. Can we avoid another circus in four years simply by reading more?

DAVE FITCH
Astoria

Re-elect Johnson

I am writing in support of re-electing Don Johnson to the Seaside City Council. I have known Councilor Johnson most of my life, and I believe he is our best candidate for City Council. Councilor Johnson’s first priority has always been what is best for Seaside as a whole. He is proactive in all emergency preparedness for our city. His list of accomplishments is long.

Seaside is growing at a rapid rate and we need councilors who are willing recognize all the needs of a growing city.

Councilor Johnson has served the city of Seaside for many years and has proved his commitment to Seaside. Please join me in re-electing Don Johnson to the Seaside City Council.

JUDYANN DUGAN
Seaside

Excellent education

I have supported Seaside School District No. 10 in all ways since moving here in the 1970s, and I will be continuing that support by voting for Measure No. 4-185, the ballot measure that will fund the new campus on the hill east of town and out of the tsunami inundation zone.

My children received an excellent education in the Seaside schools, and went on to university to realize their dreams as professionals.

I want our students’ educational experience to give them a world class education while enabling them to succeed in a competitive global workforce to be in a safe environment.

The generous support by Weyerhaeuser in donating the land on which the schools will be built is amazing, to be sure, and is a critical piece of the complete project as is the \$4 million donation by the state.

All of these parts are essential for the project to go forward. The final piece, and without a doubt, the most

important, is your support and your vote.

Please join me in supporting Measure No. 4-185, and vote yes for our local students.

STATE REP. DEBORAH BOONE
House District 32

Eternal vigilance

I would like to comment on the letter “Upsetting ads” (*The Daily Astorian*, Nov. 2). The writer appears to be misinformed about Mr. Trump’s goals and aspirations, and therefore is probably a product of the mega-million dollar ad blitzing funded by the Clintons and their minions.

Where did the Democratic National Convention obtain their mega-millions in order to “buy” the election? Did it come from the millions of supporters sending in \$100 pledges, or did it come from super PACs funded by billionaires and national and multinational corporations expecting quid pro quo support?

Oh no, our oligarchy of 560 (minus a select few) all have our welfare as their top priority, and yes, they plan on protecting us from the evils of

the independent Mr. Trump, who does not care about creating jobs and holding the government accountable.

The writer’s comments about Putin and the mega-rich may have some validity, if we are talking about his choice for president. In order for him, and America, to become informed, I suggest we shut off our televisions and read some nonfiction books, available to us immediately on e-reader (since time is limited, and since our local stores have limited, if any copies at all).

All Americans should read “Clinton Cash” by Peter Schweitzer. What an eye-opener and great geography review. Then, if you want to know more, read Ann Coulter, Gary Byrnes and Jerome Corsi. There are several anti-Trump books that I have read, but personally I feel the mainstream media has already pushed that subject ad nauseam.

It is regrettable, unfortunate and probably cataclysmic that most Americans have forgotten that “Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.”

GREG PIGEON
Gearhart

Peculiar arrogance

The letter “Thanks to God” (*The Daily Astorian*, Oct. 25) displays a peculiar kind of arrogance. The writer ascribes her prayer to a weather-controlling God for bypassing Astoria.

Is this the same God whose tornado damaged Manzanita? Whose capricious lightnings generate devastating forest fires? Whose lack of rain brings crop-reducing drought to California, while flooding Texas? Whose hurricane brought death and destruction to Haiti, particularly, as well as other places?

Was no one anywhere praying for surcease? The writer apparently believes she, alone, is pious enough to deserve his attention, so those other prayers go unanswered.

PAUL YEAROUT
Gearhart

Lost rentals

I told you so. The rental housing market in Seaside was totally destroyed by the conversion of long-term rentals into vacation rentals in the early 1990s. At the time the City Council and Planning Commission had members

who either owned or (as realtors) sold vacation rentals, and they were hot to get as many on the market as possible.

They did. They fought those of us who were trying to preserve the integrity of residential zoning tooth and nail. They won.

So, anyone who cannot find rental housing in Seaside can thank those fellows for eliminating the 200-plus or so rentals that used to be here. Every neighborhood is now a motel zone, and there are no strictly-residential zones in Seaside any more. Greed dictated and drove the movement; the City Council and Planning Commission got exactly what they wanted, at a very high cost to the community and its residents.

Very sorry to have been right.

SANDY REA
Seaside

Clinton on health

If you are one of the “under-lcideds” looking for a reason to vote for Hillary Clinton, consider her multi-pronged mental health plan, which the media has totally ignored. She would integrate services for sufferers of mental illness into the nation’s health care system.

The brain is an organ of the body. Sometimes it becomes disabled, just as one’s lungs or liver or heart. By no longer separating mental health from physical health, 43.6 million U.S. adults, by a Federal Health Department estimate, would have greater access to care and quality of treatment.

Clinton’s proposal would enforce the mental health insurance parity laws, which find too many insurers denying claims as not “medically necessary.” And, her plan budgets for basic scientific research on the brain — certainly reason enough for members of the one in five families who experience a mentally ill member to vote for the proposer of this plan.

JUANITA PRICE
National Alliance on
Mental Illness Clatsop board
member emerita
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