

Port business

Mr. Stephen Fulton and Mr. Bill Hunsinger: I am a little tired of you continuing to behave in the most juvenile way. You both make headlines that are ridiculous. Give us taxpayers a break.

Mr. Robert Mushen has class. Take a lesson, Fulton and Hunsinger. Then get on with the Port of Astoria's real business.

You may be surprised how many taxpayers are happy with Jim Knight, the Port's executive director. Your approval rating needs to be improved.

DIANE FINUCANE
Astoria

Coverage?

Not unexpected, but still a mystery: Why don't newspapers mention (maybe a paragraph on page 5) the half a million mostly young pro-lifers who, for the past 44 years, have been rallying and marching in the national capitol and in state capitols all over the country?

Just asking.
JEAN M. HERMAN
Astoria

Trump v. Kennedy

Here is what I do not understand: John F. Kennedy, arguably one of the most revered presidents of the modern era, was the son of Joseph Kennedy Sr.

Ole Joe was an immigrant who made a large fortune through investment banking, owning a film company and movie studio (RKO), and through the auspices of then-president Franklin Roosevelt, managed to obtain the American distributing rights for Scotch whiskey. Some say perhaps he was importing whiskey even during prohibition, though that has never been proven.

John was born to wealth and privilege, and never actually accomplished anything other than being in the Navy and becoming a politician. It has, in recent years, been revealed that John was, though married to Jackie, involved (shall we say) with several Hollywood starlets, including Marilyn Monroe.

Donald Trump is the son of an immigrant who began a building company and parlayed it into a multimillion-dollar concern. Donald was born to privilege and wealth, however, he took the bull by the horns and created his own billion-dollar company through real estate investment and construction; a real working man.

The Donald, however is despised by Democrats and per

Plea for different school clubs

I am a student at Broadway Middle School in Seaside. We should have clubs at recess. There should be a drawing club, reading club and gaming club.

First, we should have a drawing club. The reason why we should have a drawing club is so people can learn different techniques, like how to make your drawing look like metal, scale, fur and blood. Also people can learn to draw anything they want — like if someone didn't know how to make a dragon, the person who knows can help them make it. The last reason why we

should have a drawing club is so people can learn how to shade, or make a shadow from a person or animal.

Second, we should have a reading club. We will talk about different types of books, and say what you think about the book, why you like it, and things you didn't like about the book. You can vote on the book you want. We should read the book with the most votes, and you can't pick the same book we already read. Finally, we should have a book list. We can recommend the book to people and to schools, and if it's hard to read or not, and say what grade

it should be, and score it one to 10. Also, we would read any type of book.

Finally there should be a gaming club. Also there would be tournament with only one winner, and he or she would get a prize. The tournament would be on the computer. We could play any type of game that is approved by the school principal.

To conclude, that is why there should be clubs at school. There should be a drawing club, reading club and gaming club.

JOHNATHON KENENOUNIS
Seaside

some of them, the devil incarnate. Yes, he has been married two more times than Kennedy but, to my knowledge, did not cheat on his wives — he simply divorced them.

It seems that Republicans are just more tolerant, understanding and appreciate greatness no matter where it comes from? I could be wrong.

DAVID GRAVES
Astoria

Game to remember

The NFL in one game rekindled the attention of the world. Not since the 1967 "Ice Bowl" NFL Championship between Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers and Tom Landry's Dallas Cowboys has the sporting world been regaled by such a contest. High suspense, incredible plays by linemen, receivers, corners — not to mention the poise, view of the field and accuracy of both quarterbacks.

But the heart it took for the Patriots to play all out coming back from a 28-3 deficit to win in overtime against a fierce defense will become a significant parable of grit and determination for young athletes to ponder into the ages.

Julian Edelman's Herculean catch through a mash of legs and arms keeping a last flickering drive alive was a moment that has forever extended the meaning of resolution. From a fan's point of view, rarely, has a better game ever been played. Ever.

Congratulations to both teams, the officials, the sponsors, and the NFL for exceeding expectations across the sporting world.

WAYNE MAYO
Scappoose

Illegal?

I have heard a lot lately about the border wall, and how much it will cost. Yet I have not heard, "What is the cost of

a human life?"

Some illegal aliens have committed horrific crimes in this country. We hear talk about the heartbreak that comes with splitting up families who are here illegally, and sent back to their country. But what of the victims and families of the crimes committed upon them by illegal aliens? What of their heartbreak? Their loss?

Most of these crimes could and should have been prevented. For the most part, the news agencies have been silent on reporting crimes by illegal aliens. It doesn't fit their narrative. People in the U.S. who are here illegally are breaking the law of our country.

People talk of the cost of the wall. Have they lost loved ones at the hands of illegal aliens? I think not. This country was founded upon Anglo-Saxon Protestant values. Chief among them was the rule of law and equal justice for all. But where is the justice for innocent victims of the crimes committed upon them?

There is a great divide in this country, and it is only going to get wider as long as there are people who believe the rule of law is for some, and not others. Where one special group can break the law and another cannot. Where a mayor of a sanctuary city can say, "I don't have to follow a law, but you do." Where illegal aliens have more rights than their victims.

There are people who hate this country so much, they want to remake it to their likeness. And if it means innocent people die, the means justify the ends. Donald Trump has been the only president in my lifetime to have the tenacity and courage to try and change that. He has given a voice to the thousands upon thousands of innocent victims who have had crimes committed against them by illegal aliens. And to those people who believe illegal means illegal. Isn't that

common sense?

We have spent trillions and trillions of dollars on wars in the last 45 years. Spent billions and billions of dollars on the war on poverty, and what has this country gotten out of it? More war and more poverty. This country is \$21 trillion in debt. Where is the outrage about that? Yet when the president talks of spending \$10 billion on a wall, they come unglued. Ten or \$20 billion is cheap, considering the human lives that will be saved. Walls can, and do work. Just ask Israel.

ROBERT L BOEHM
Clatskanie

Thoughtful decision

The article "A look at county's timber decision" (*The Daily Astorian*, Feb. 6) wasn't much of a look at the actual decision. Our county gets labeled as an "outlier," when one might well see the commission as a "leader," instead.

After almost a year's consideration, the Clatsop County Commission made a difficult decision. In the words of Commission Chair Scott Lee "the overwhelming message from public testimony has been in favor of balanced forest management and against the Linn County lawsuit" ("County won't join Linn County suit," *The Daily Astorian*, Jan. 19).

Commissioner Kathleen Sullivan discussed the evidence that had been presented showing that the trust counties participated in, and supported the development of, the Greatest Permanent Value rule. Commissioner Sarah Nebeker pointed out the significant increases in timber revenues from the state forests since that rule was expanded in 1998.

All three commissioners provided plenty of background for their decisions, but John DiLorenzo, lead lawyer for Linn County, got generous print space to conclude "Believe me, this case is all about money." Which, of course, to him, it is.

I want to thank the Clatsop County Commissioners for their consideration of constituent input, study of the issues and thoughtful decision-making process, recognizing the many values supported by healthy forests that go well beyond the promises of the lawyers pursuing this suit on behalf of timber interests.

In the words of our commissioners, rather than attacking our own state with a billion dollar lawsuit, it's time to get to work with the Board of Forestry to promote sustainable timber harvest and balanced management of all of our state forests.

HELEN WESTBROOK
Astoria

Keep EPA strong

Growing up in Cleveland, Ohio in the 1960s, a world existed without the Environmental Protection Agency, Clean Air or Clean Water Act. Lake Erie was dead from the toxic water emptying into it from the Cuyahoga River. Steel mills and chemical plants lined its banks, dumping their waste into its waters. The catalytic combinations often had incendiary results. The Cuyahoga River was so famous for its fires and explosions, Randy Newman wrote a song about it in 1972 called, "Burn On."

While working three jobs in 1976 to put myself through college, I lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. U.S. Steel, Allegheny Steel and Bethlehem Steel had large plants there. On a damp day, when these mills were working, sulfur dioxide flowing out of the smoke stacks combined with the moisture in the air and created sulfuric acid. A weak solution, but strong enough to cause irritation in the lungs, dissolve synthetic fabrics like nylon and acetate on laundry lines, and etch pits into car paint.

As the EPA, Clean Air and Clean Water Act came into force, they began to prosecute the steel mills in Pittsburgh for their air pollution, as well as other East Coast industrial plants. I opened the first section of the *Pittsburgh Press* one day, and on the second page of the paper, in large block letters read, "U.S. Steel will leave Pittsburgh if the EPA enforces its rules on us." Well they didn't leave, and some smart folks learned how to clean up some of that dirty water.

Now we have an administration which vows to roll back regulations, the power of the EPA, and various anti-pollution laws. Please work to keep the EPA strong. Or at least we can uphold its values here in the Pacific Northwest.

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FEBRUARY 23

What's Ahead for the Regional and State Economies?

A Columbia Forum Presentation



Erik Knoder

Erik Knoder has lived in Oregon since 1988. He received his master's degree in natural resource economics from Oregon State University in 1999. Aside from labor market economics his research interests include land use, growth and development, and the fishing industry. Erik joined the Oregon Employment Department as a regional economist June of 2003 and works in Newport. He is responsible for generating and disseminating labor market information for Lincoln, Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia counties.



Josh Lehner

Josh Lehner is an Economist with the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis. He develops the quarterly Oregon Economic forecast, including outlooks for employment, income and housing. Additional responsibilities include forecasting revenues for the Oregon Lottery, Oregon Judicial Department and state tobacco taxes.

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