

## Just share

Our union fishermen brothers in Salmon for All have the full support of the local International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) in their battle to maintain a just share of the salmon quota.

This is not an us vs. them debate until the sport interests tried to co-opt the whole main Columbia River stem resource. Most reasonable people understand that there are enough fish for all interests to share. This is economically disastrous to Clatsop County in its current posture.

Yes, there is some mortality to salmon, but this occurs plenty on sport caught fish. A salmon that bleeds dies upon release, as well as many from stress and exhaustion. The idea that this is cleaner than commercial fishing is ludicrous.

CHRIS CONNWAY  
Astoria

## Experienced nurse

I am running for Position 3 on the Clatsop Health District Board. I have over six years experience as a licensed nurse. My opposition, Micheal Aho, has no healthcare background. I care about vulnerable people in our community, and I pledge to advocate for the district's residents and staff.

JACQUELINE DeVANEY  
Astoria

## Man cave

Why doesn't Stephen Fulton do the citizens of Clatsop County a favor and build his own "man cave," retire to it, and never be heard from again.

PRESTON DEVEREAUX  
Gearhart

## Tsunami warning

I'd like to see The Daily Astorian localize the five-part "Cascadia Day" series that ran in The Daily Astorian Feb. 20 through Feb. 27. I don't think enough is being done locally. I live in Warrenton, and the city is moving at a snail's pace to address a siren system. We don't have "go to bag" containers. A tsunami on the coast is going to be deadly.

DUGAN JENNINGS  
Warrenton

## Sanctuary cities

While so many of our politicians are hoping to create an image of being kind hearted by supporting the illegal aliens, they probably are hoping that we don't know, or care, what these aliens are doing in regard to our local and federal deficits and crime.

The fact is that this is not only aiding and abetting illegal aliens, but it is also doing the same thing for enemy combatants, including Islamic terrorists, with the sanctuary city and state policies. Are we to believe that many of our politicians don't really know what they're doing by supporting the sanctuary policies?

It's probably not a good idea for the Democrats to support our enemies with sanctuary policies. They just want to try to stop Trump from looking good, because I would think that would probably cause a lot of their voters to switch parties. But then maybe this is some good that can come from this stupidity.

Are we going to eliminate all of our other laws that were established to protect our great country?

JIM ELVIN  
Salem

## Beyond Vietnam

Fifty years ago, on April 4, 1967, Martin Luther King Jr., perhaps best known for his "I Have A Dream" speech, gave what is considered the most controversial sermon of his brief career: "Beyond Vietnam — A Time to Break Silence," in front of 3,000 people at New York's Riverside Church.

In a powerful indictment against the actions of the U.S. government, King spoke of how the triple evils of racism, militarism, and extreme materialism must be overcome in order for our country to survive. In this sermon, King repeatedly reminds us of the



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The Eighth Street Dam in Warrenton is the subject of a clash between the city and the Skipanon Water Control District.

## Eighth Street Dam 'antiquated, dangerous'

Can we just cut through all the right-fighting, mudslinging, name-shifting (it's not really a "dam," it's a "flood control structure"), legal drama and, ka-ching, resulting legal bills, and get down to brass tacks?

You, the city of Warrenton, are about to slap some tide gates, if given the green light, on an outdated, obsolete 53-year-old dam whose shelf-life expired in 2014.

After reading "A Report To Congress On Aging Water Infrastructure," a damning fiscal year 2000 U.S. Department of Agriculture/National Resources Conservation Service study, which includes our beloved Eighth Street "structure" in its study group,

it is clear that the Skipanon Water Control District is guilty of trying to inform and protect the citizens along the Skipanon River, and within the city limits of Warrenton, from this out-moded sham dam.

Page 1 of this report, "Time Takes Its Toll," and Page 5, "Potential For Loss Of Life Caused By Dam Failures," detail why old earthen dams, such as ours, should be decommissioned after 50 years, and how truly dangerous they are. Indeed, this report indicates that the failures of these small- to medium-sized dams have resulted in the majority of dam-related fatalities in the U.S. Our particular dam was inspected by the Oregon

Water Resources Department in 2012, five years ago, and the dam hazard then was rated between "significant" and "high."

So, citizens of Warrenton, before we take on this potential public safety hazard and legal liability, and dig deeper into this money pit for the sake of "flood control," let us first ask: Why? Why are Mayor Mark Kujala, the Warrenton City Commission and the Nygaards so suddenly and completely fixated over seizing control of, and operating, this antiquated, dangerous structure? It just doesn't pass the sniff test.

KATHLEEN ZUNKEL  
Warrenton

connection between American government violence in the world and how it impacts everyone, especially the poor, the vulnerable and people of color.

King was murdered in Memphis exactly one year to the day after he delivered "Beyond Vietnam."

King's words are a cautionary tale for us today, as we plunge deeper into the void of endless war, and the need to develop "beloved community" is greater than ever. The problems we face in 2017 are essentially the same as those in 1967, only with fewer resources and far more people in the world.

Although King's 1967 delivery of "Beyond Vietnam" is an historical event, if you substitute "Iraq," "Afghanistan," "Syria," "Yemen," etc., for "Vietnam" throughout the sermon, you will find it to be presciently topical.

In commemoration of its 50th anniversary, an audio presentation of King delivering "Beyond Vietnam — A Time to Break Silence" will be presented at Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., on Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. Following the sermon, we will sing a couple of King's favorite hymns. Those attending are encouraged to stay after the event, and sit quietly or meditate in the candlelit church. Admission is free, and childcare is available.

For information, contact Janet Weidman at 503-325-1306.

SUE SKINNER  
Astoria

## Kindness in Astoria

This is just a shout out to the kind Astoria stranger who found my cellphone in the washroom at McDonald's in Astoria while we were on vacation on the glorious Oregon Coast. Many thanks, too, to the staff at McDonald's, for their kindness and securing the phone until we returned.

MARIANNE GARRISON  
Maple Ridge, British Columbia

## Voice of reason

When the Clatsop County commission was dominated by pro-growth-at-any-cost zealots, Dirk Rohne was the sole voice of reason. The people of Clatsop County

came to Dirk's aid, and voted in a new commission that was more responsive to the wishes of the people.

We now have a dysfunctional Port commission that is in danger of becoming a similar entity. The difference in Dirk Rohne and his opponent are marked. Dick Hellberg has never met a development proposal he did not like. Dirk Rohne will consider the merits of any proposal with a discerning eye that has seen many issues over the years as a member of the Clatsop County commission and the board of Clatsop Community College.

We urge all voters to cast their ballot for Dirk Rohne, the most qualified and reasonable candidate for the position of port commissioner.

NED and LULU  
HEAVENRICH  
Astoria

## Quilt show

The Peninsula Quilt Guild would like to say thank you to everyone who made the 22nd annual Quilting at the Beach quilt show an amazing success. First, we

would like to thank all of you who attended, it was fun for all of us to meet all of you. Thank you to all of you who purchased tickets for our beautiful raffle quilt; the funds made from their purchase will be going to local charities soon.

Then we want to thank the Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, all the merchants who let us hang our posters and get the word out about this fantastic event, the Chinook Observer, The Daily Astorian, Cannon Beach Gazette, Seaside Signal and the The Daily News of Longview, Washington. We especially want to thank all the guys who volunteered their time and muscle, and worked so hard setting up and taking down the show it. Is a big job, and we couldn't do it without your support.

Thank you again so very much to all of you.  
MERRI JOHNSON  
and the Peninsula Quilt Guild  
Ocean Park, Washington

## Extra mile

As a lifelong Astoria resident, my family and I have spent a significant

amount of time at Columbia Hospital, now known as Columbia Memorial Hospital — 98 years to be exact. Every department we have dealt with has exceeded our expectations, and has gone the extra mile to provide excellent care.

We have been fortunate to work with and meet outstanding human beings and professionals at CMH, including Dr. William Armington and his staff in the Radiology Department; Dr. Michael Lewis and his staff in the Pulmonology Department; Dr. Rachel Van Dusen and her nurse, Katie Bogh; the Cardiology Department; and especially Allison Hall and Leslie Claterbos, among others; and volunteers Peggy Person,

Berit Madsen and Carol Ray, who give us their time weekly. The friendly gift store staff is welcoming, and does such a wonderful job keeping spirits high with their beautiful merchandise.

Our family truly appreciates all the professionals and staffs at Columbia Memorial Hospital who strive to make a difference in our community. We are so grateful to call Astoria our home.

Keep up the excellent work, Erik Thorsen.

KIM TINNER-SUPPLE  
Astoria

## A chilling trend

During the infamous Kristallnacht of 1938,

non-German Jewish fathers were suddenly extracted (without legal representation) and sequestered by German police from their German wives and children. The wives and children had limited, if any, access to their husbands and fathers, who were the family breadwinners. Even at 10 years old in 1938, I was aware of this kind of cruelty.

Shift now to Portland, Oregon. It was reported two weeks ago on local television that a Mexican father had been extracted without legal representation by ICE from his family — the children are American citizens — and sequestered near Tacoma, Washington. It was also reported that the mother was not permitted to visit him, and only was allowed to contact him every three days. If this television report was accurate, it is every bit as chilling as the events in Nazi Germany of 1938.

The fear and unfairness being generated by Donald Trump and his appointees are unforgivable, and not at all characteristic of the U.S., into which I was born of an immigrant Dutch mother (1928) raised, educated and became subsequently a father, grandfather and great-grandfather. I am ashamed of the character into which the U.S. seems to be developing.

J. KAREL LAMBERT  
Hammond

## Well prepared

Frank Spence is running for a seat on the Port of Astoria Commission. My support for Frank couldn't be stronger. Frank has a work history as a city and county manager over a 45-year career.

He moved here to be closer to his family, and immediately involved himself in a dozen groups over his four years, including Kiwanis, the North Coast Chorale, Columbia River Maritime Museum, Astoria Senior Center, Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, Cruise Hosts, and the Astoria Planning Commission.

He has served on the Port's Budget Committee for two years, and understands their complicated organization. He has focus, intelligence and energy. He knows how to work collaboratively with others. I've served on the Planning Commission and county charter review with Frank. He shows up well prepared, asks good questions, and is able to take principled stands. The Port of Astoria needs him as a commissioner.

JAN MITCHELL  
Astoria

APRIL 6

## Pulitzer Prize Winning Author and Journalist Buzz Bissinger

A Columbia Forum Presentation



Buzz Bissinger is among the nation's most honored and distinguished writers. A native of New York City, Buzz is the winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Livingston Award, the American Bar Association Silver Gavel Award and the National Headliners Award, among others. He also was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. He is the author of the highly acclaimed nonfiction books: Friday Night Lights, A Prayer for the City, Three Nights in August, Shooting Stars and Father's Day.

Buzz has been a reporter for some of the nation's most prestigious newspapers; a magazine writer with published work in Vanity Fair, The New York Times Magazine and Sports Illustrated; and a co-producer and writer for the ABC television drama NYPD Blue. Two of his works were made into the critically acclaimed films: Friday Night Lights and Shattered Glass. Three more are in active development. Friday Night Lights also served as the inspiration for the television series of the same name.

### TO ATTEND:

For Members: Dinner & Lecture: \$25 each; Lecture only: no charge

For Non-Members: Dinner & Lecture: \$35 each; Lecture only: \$15 ea.

Appetizers will be available at 6 p.m. • Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The speaker will begin after the dinner service is complete and non-dinner members and guests of the audience take their seats.

Forum to be held at the CMH Community Center at 2021 Exchange St., Astoria.

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