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Illustrations by Noel Thomas
 March for Our Lives in downtown Astoria on March 24

DEMONSTRATING FOR OUR LIVES

Local artist captures Astoria rally

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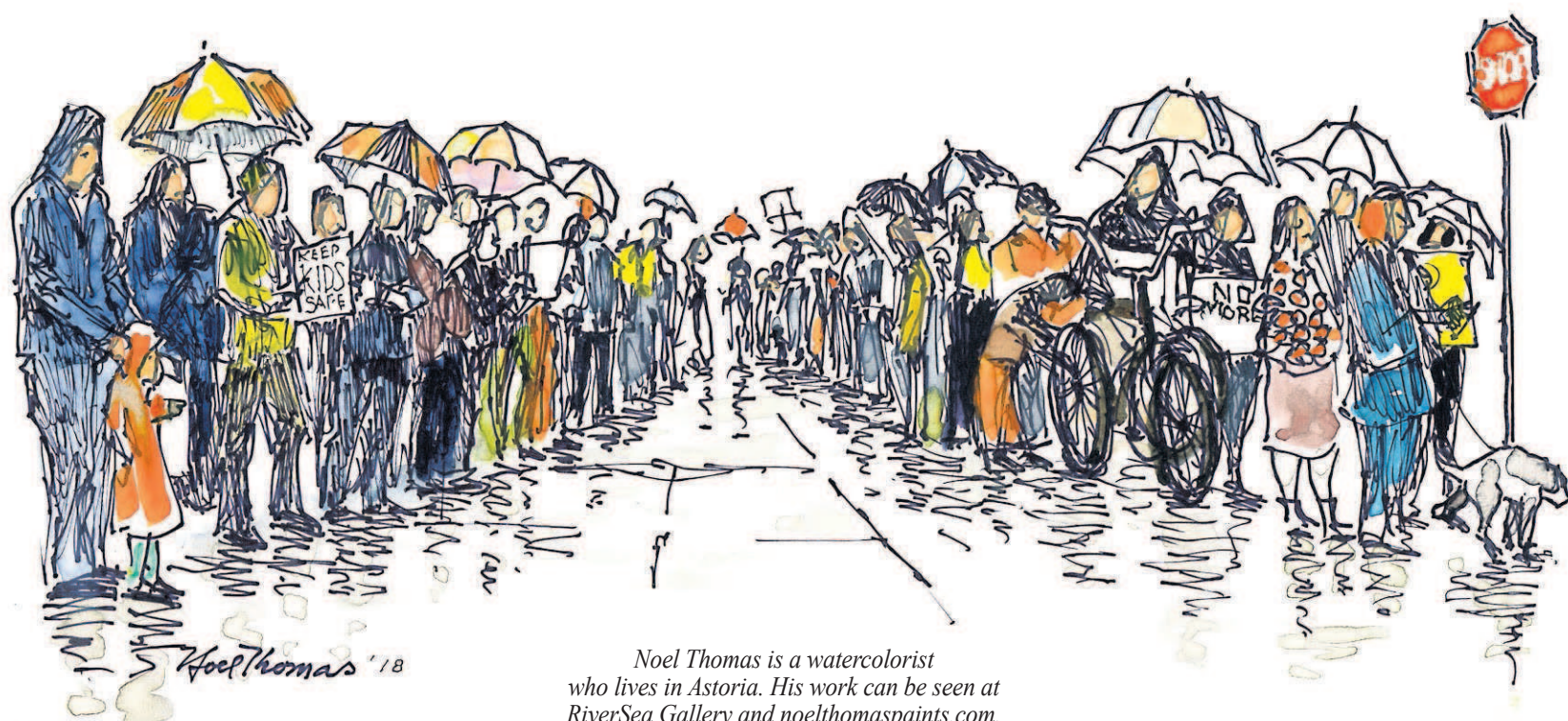
I was late getting to the March for Our Lives rally in downtown Astoria on March 24, having had to park blocks away. In the pouring rain, hundreds of people gathered by the Post Office in support of March for Our Lives, a nationwide demonstration to support gun control. Adults and children standing under umbrellas in dark hooded rain gear contrasted with those wearing bright orange. The wintry weather lent itself to the seriousness of the day. It was too wet for drawing, but these sketches were drawn from photos I took.



Neither wind, nor rain, nor sleet, nor hail keeps Joan Herman from getting where she wants to be.



A police officer approaches a counterdemonstrator who shouted at demonstrators from the street.



Noel Thomas is a watercolorist who lives in Astoria. His work can be seen at RiverSea Gallery and noelthomaspaints.com.