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Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a photo-copy and a typed copy of the letter to the editor which was printed in the Newport News Times in its March 13 edition.

The letter refers to the changes in the bus shhedule for South County, and the implications it has for both riders on the bus and drivers. I continue to hear more stories of difficulties encountered by Yachats residents, including one "disabled" friend who now loses up to an hour and a half both in the morning and night as he tries to get to and from his office near Fred Meyer. *TO THE NEWPORT CITY HALL*

You may be able to have an influence on this issue , but it at least helps to know that you know. All the best,

[Handwritten signature]
Gerald Stanley

WAY TO GO BOOMERS

Congratulations to the Toledo High School boys basketball team and Coach Eddie Townsend on their tremendous season and on their second place finish in last week's 2A state tournament in Pendleton.

They were arguably the best team I've seen in my nearly 50 years of watching high school basketball in Lincoln County.

In addition to their team's runner-up finish in Pendleton, individual honors went to David Ammons, who was selected first team all-tournament, and to Jackson Cross and Isaiah Marchant, who were named to the second team.

Way to go Boomers. You made us all proud.

Bob Jacobson

Waldport

LETTER WRITER IS OFF BASE

This is in response to Judy Leonhardt's letter, "America is paying the cost" (March 6 edition). It is obvious that Judy does not like Obama. I have concerns about him myself, but many things in her letter are off base.

First, doctors locally have always been short of staff, and many who come here are here to semi-retire and were going to retire anyway. Obamacare is a flop because

there is no public option to offset the private insurance company's — you can thank Republicans for that.

And as tax prep goes, I had to answer one question on my form, so is your tax man charging you 50 percent more to do them? I suggest a new tax man.

On immigration, where is your Congress? I see no Republican bill that would challenge the president other than the same old status quo. If they are really upset about illegals, then where is the bill that puts those in jail and prohibitive fines that will stop the demand that brings them here?

As far as waterboarding, it is torture. We hung many Japanese military because they did it to us. Just because someone who owes their living to you and says what you want, doesn't make it legal or moral. I don't condone it; we're supposed to be better than that.

NASA decided to do away with the shuttle because it's old technology and costs way too much to support per payload, and is currently looking to the private sector to fill the void. Coal? Really? Talk about those jobs that are wiping out thousands of Americans with black lung and the pollution it causes. We don't live anywhere near a coal-fired plant, just be grateful for that.

We may have our issues

but I am proud to be an American.

Robert Parks

Newport

BUS SCHEDULE CHANGES ARE NOT INSIGNIFICANT

On March 9, Lincoln County Transit implemented a new schedule for all its lines.

The new schedule for the south county line is onerous. It requires a two and a half-hour break for its drivers in the middle of the day and a compression of both the morning and afternoon schedules, resulting in the termination of significant services previously offered.

I checked with the county about these changes and was informed that the reason for the changes was "economic." Being a former union member, it did not take me long to figure out that the two-and-a-half-hour break now allows the county to pay its drivers, who are "on duty"

for 12 hours, only nine and a half hours for their work.

I find it outrageous that the union and the county are allowing this clear injustice to happen. So that the county can save money, south county riders who used to take the mid-morning bus all the way to the north Newport stores now have to wait an hour and a half at Newport City Hall for the bus. Waldport riders who used to board the bus at Crestline and Range now have to travel (walk?) a mile to Highway 101 for service.

College students no longer have a direct bus from the college going south. They must walk more than a mile, or take another bus and wait an hour for southbound service.

These changes are not insignificant. Here's hoping the county government will recognize this bizarre and unjust situation, and correct it.

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LETTER POLICY

The News-Times welcomes letters to the editor concerning issues affecting Lincoln County.

All letters must be signed with the full name of the writer, and must be accompanied by a telephone number and address.

We request that letters be limited to 300 words, and that writers limit their letters and viewpoints to one every four weeks. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Letters sent via email should clearly state that they are for publication.

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