In Our View

IT'S GONNA BE A LONG SUMMER.

Our Readers' Views

a three-week executive in-residence program this summer. Sadly, even after this taxpayer-funded $12,400 increase in the budget boomfogled was brought to light, the RTC board approved this expenditure.

Teachers willingly walk in 180 days

If you ask teachers why they do what they do, many will respond that they love children and learning. Unfortunately, these positive, deeply personal motivators have been misinterpreted as evidence of teacher apathy, both by the public and the administration.

It is frustrating to see the list of grievances that teachers are often given by the administration. Their list of grievances includes, but is not limited to, the lack of adequate resources, outdated technology, and the lack of respect they receive from parents and students. This lack of respect and the inability to have their voices heard is a major source of frustration for teachers.

Every day, teachers are expected to go above and beyond the call of duty, to make sure that their students are receiving the best education possible. Despite these challenges, teachers continue to do their best to create a positive learning environment for their students.

Daily, they face challenges that are not easy to overcome. They are constantly striving to make sure that their students are prepared for the future. They are the backbone of our educational system, and they deserve our support and respect.

Ken Vietnamese
Vancouver

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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to keep rural lands frozen in large areas. Lost is a mix of 13 GMA goals of property rights, economic and affordable housing. Missing is humanity, rural character, and hard work to buy, maintain and pay taxes on land.

At the request of county planners, Attorney John Karpinski wrote the "Green Alternative." Almost all of those items went into the 1994 Plan, resulting in a majority of noncomforming lots. In 1997 and 1999, CCCU supported property rights in Superior Court and the Court of Appeals and won against Clark County and Karpinski. The Puyallup Remand states, "the result is a plan that gives little regard for the realities of exist ing rural development in direct contradiction of the terms of the GMA." The councilors and Alternative 4 give rural citizens a voice in their futures. They are steps to consider an inclusive, common-sense policy that balances GMA goals.

Carol Levine
Vancouver

Violence contradicts Islam

I learned that Islam is a religion of tolerance and love. I was surprised to learn that so-called Muslim American communities have been targeted for attack.

As a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, I condemn this terrorism and any attacks that are in contradiction to the teachings of Islam.

Islamic culture should be spread through tolerance and understanding. The freedom of human beings should be respected and exercised.

Imran Ghumman
Redmond

Balance GMA to include landowners

Clark County Citizens United commends county councilors for addressing concerns of rural and resource landowners with Alternative 4. They recognized a need for property rights, inclusiveness, lifestyles, businesses, and economic vitality. The Growth Management Act doesn't say stop rural sprawl, it says plan for growth.

A small special interest group, Friends of Clark County, demands unchanging rural landscapes over actual use of low-density housing, small farms, woodlots, and occasional businesses. They want