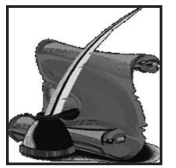




Letters & Opinions

Amendment 1 - "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ... or the right of the people to petition the government for a redress of grievances."



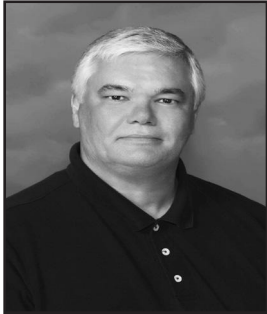
The content in the letters and opinions is not necessarily the opinion of The Voice of South Marion

Opinions

Sham Climate Crises Divert Do...Real Preventable Crises

By Daniel L. Gardner

Last week Beto O'Rourke took on the mantle of the latest Democratic presidential hopeful for 2020. America and the world face a "crisis!" Of course we do! We are surrounded by crises.



When asked his thoughts on the new green deal, O'Rourke pulled no punches: "We face catastrophe and crisis on this planet..." Ironically, he included a migration crisis, saying, "There is going to be massive migration of tens or

hundreds of millions of people from places that are going to be uninhabitable or under the sea." He continued, "This is the final chance. The scientists are unanimous on this. We have no more than 12 years to take incredibly bold action on this crisis." Virtually all Democratic presidential hopefuls have voiced similar climate change warnings.

O'Rourke's rhetoric is reminiscent of alarmist headlines from the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s. O'Rourke's drop-dead deadline is "no more than 12 years," i.e. 2031. Consider these headlines: Boston Globe, April 16, 1970 — "Scientist predicts a new ice age by 21st century;" Chicago Tribune, March 2, 1975 — "B-r-r-r-r: New Ice Age on way soon?" and, New York Times, January 5, 1978 — "International Team of Specialists Finds No End in Sight to 30-Year Cooling Trend in Northern Hemisphere."

Scientists' views boomeranged radically toward global warming in the 1980s. NASA scientist James Hansen testified before Congress June 23, 1988, that he had a "high degree of confidence" in a "cause and effect

relationship between the greenhouse effect and observed warming." His testimony and accompanying paper re-directed environmental activists from preaching global cooling to predicting global warming. Hansen predicted three scenarios based on scientific research at the time. Needless to say, none of his predictions panned out.

Hansen is not alone in making errant predictions. The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's models have exaggerated claims of global warming on average by 200-percent. None of these "proofs" has chilled Hansen's or his fellow climate crises proponents' predictions. In 2007 Hansen and scientists predicted most of Greenland's ice would melt over the next 100 years, raising sea levels more than 23 feet.

Climate change alarmists got a shot in the arm when Al Gore's 2006 documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," predicted sea levels could rise twenty feet. Hansen buttressed Gore's claim of hitting a climatic "point of no return" in his review of Gore's book and documentary, writing, "We have at most ten years—not ten years to decide upon action, but ten years to alter fundamentally the trajectory of global greenhouse emissions."

Of course, alarmists have continued to predict crisis after crisis, and many points of no return for stopping climate change. Rajendra Pachauri, head of a UN climate panel, reasoned scientifically that earth would be doomed if drastic action were not made before 2012.

In the 21st century, climate change has leapt from "proven science" to the political realm. Cue James Hansen in 2009 who warned that President Obama had only "four years to save Earth." Sound familiar? In 2012, UN Foundation president Tim Worth pronounced Obama's second term would be "the last window of opportunity" to restrict use of fossil fuels.

Back on planet Earth for the past 50 years, millions who have starved or died annually from preventable diseases could have been saved if we had invested in meeting real, current needs instead of wasting trillions of dollars on climate.

Daniel L. Gardner is a syndicated columnist who lives in Starkville, MS. You may contact him at PJandMe2@gmail.com.



From the Desk of the Mayor

Dear Citizens of Belleview,

Our 5th annual fishing tournament for children is right around the corner! Join us on Saturday, April 13th from 9:00 to 12:00 at Lake Lillian Park, for this great event. The tournament is open to children up to age 15. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. Registration begins at 8:30 AM on the day of the event, or you can register in person at City Hall. The Belleview Police Department will be offering a free lunch for all participants and their families.

Also, on April 6th, the American Legion Post 284 will be holding a 5k run. This event will begin and end at the big pavilion at Lake Lillian. The course will wind through the beautiful streets of Belleview. Awards will be given three deep in 10 year age group increments, as well as to our overall winners and our overall masters winners. All winners will receive a beautiful plaque. This event is sponsored by Stan and Martha Hanson, Village Ford, Feed the Need Marion County, CenterState Bank, Waste Pro, Emory Abshier All State Insurance, State Representative Stan McClain, and State Representative Charlie Stone. You can sign up by visiting www.runsignup.com/americanlegionrunforourkids. Belleview residents can enter coupon code 12345 to receive a \$10.00 discount on the price of the race. Regular price is \$25.00 per person.

In other events, please join the City of Belleview for our monthly Foodie Fest. This will be held on Friday, March 22nd, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. The Foodie Fest is held on the fourth Friday of each month at beautiful Lake Lillian. This event features a variety of food trucks, as well as fun activities for the kids. The Belleview Splash Park will be open during this event, as well.

For those of you who are not aware, the City of Belleview has an app that you can download to your Android or Apple phone. This app provides links to the city calendar, job openings, bill pay, customer service, facebook page, and other relevant information. You can download this app by searching for "City of Belleview" in your app store.

In other news, we have lots of great things happening at the Belleview Sports Complex. The soccer fields are in the process of getting a brand new bathroom, and the city is currently working on an interlocal agreement with Marion County, in order to provide a number of much needed capital improvements at the little league fields. The city is also tentatively planning to offer a fireworks show at the Sports Complex on the Fourth of July in 2020. Also, the basketball lights are now all repaired and operational.

In commission news, the commission is in the process of approving several annexations of parcels of property located on South Highway 441. We are also preparing to participate in Marion County's 175th Anniversary Celebration, which will be held at the McPherson Complex in Ocala, located at 601 SE 25th Ave. It will take place from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 30th. This fun anniversary festival will feature great food, live entertainment, and a kid zone, as well as a fireworks display and much, much more!

Please join us for our next regular City Commission meeting, to be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00 PM at Belleview City Hall.

Sincerely,
Mayor Christine K. Dobkowsky

Letters To The Editor

Letters, or comments, are welcome on any subject. All letters are subject to be edited for length and contents. In most cases, in criticisms of private citizens, names will be omitted. If the criticism is directed at political or government figures, the names will be printed, if the criticism is directed at their decisions affecting government.

Carter's Towing & Recovery

Mercedes
Jaguars
Mazda
Volkswagens



Chevrolet
Ford
Chrysler
All Models

We also have a wrecker to recover tractor & trailers!

245-3123

24 Hour Service - Reasonable Prices YOU CAN AFFORD

8611 SE 126 Place

FAX 352-307-7825

Belleview

Voice

Of South Marion

Published by the Waldron family since 1969

Marion County's Premier Community Newspaper

Physical Address: 5513 SE 113th Street, Belleview FL

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 700, Belleview, FL 34421

Phone 352-245-3161 • Fax 352-347-7444 • VOSMINFO@aol.com

The Voice (USPS 787 - 320) is published weekly at 5513 SE 113th Street, Belleview, Florida

Periodical Postage paid at Ocala, Florida

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to

Voice of South Marion, P.O. Box 700, Belleview FL 34421

Get The Voice Delivered To Your Home!

Fill out this form and mail to: P.O. Box 700, Belleview, FL 34421

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Email Address _____

www.TheVOSM.net

Print & e-Edition

e-Edition ONLY

1 year print & online access \$25

1 year full online access \$15

6 months \$13.50

6 months full online access \$9

1 year print only \$20

New Subscription Renew My Subscription Payment Enclosed

OR Subscribe at www.TheVOSM.net and pay with Paypal