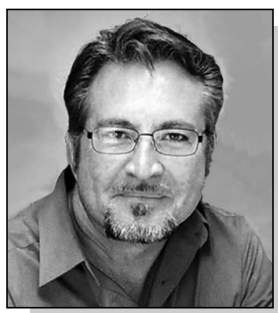


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Opinion

The First Amendment
 Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.



Pursuit begun by forefathers continues

It was 230 years ago tomorrow, on Sept. 17, 1787, that delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia

our nation's fabric as well as those who have added their own stitching to become fellow citizens.

ple united under the principles of that living document.

Our nation has been divided many times over the last two centuries. It has gone to war with itself, experienced doubt, questioned its direction, suffered through economic depression and seen its sons and daughters go to war and never return.

Yet we have persevered in spite of the things that have divided us because of the shared belief we have in those pages from 230 years ago that defined who we wanted to be.

We are still pursuing that definition of ourselves.

And, God willing, we always will be.

From the Editor's Desk

NED HICKSON

On the Opinion page in each issue of the Siuslaw News, usually in the upper right corner, you'll find our observance of the First Amendment as it is stated in our U.S. Constitution — a brilliant, living document that has guided, protected and inspired the civil liberties we hold dear as a nation united under its promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

officially adopted the United States Constitution.

Celebrated nationally as "Citizenship Day" until 2004, when it was amended to "Constitution Day and Citizenship Day," Sept. 17 has been our time to reflect on the privileges we all share as Americans — those born into

It's because of our Constitution that we are free to pursue the kinds of conversations seen on these pages and across our nation that challenge us to become better — as individuals, local citizens and Americans — through the exchange of viewpoints that ultimately define us as a peo-

LETTERS

THANK YOU FOR HELPING HURRICANE VICTIMS

I would like to thank all who came to the Kyle Building Yard Sale last weekend, and gave generously in support of Hurricane victims.

This morning, we were able to send your donations of \$315 to Global Giving, which will go directly to hurricane relief.

Our original intention was to give our proceeds to the Red Cross. However, after some research, we settled on Global Giving, which scores four stars in the Charity Navigator and the Better Business Bureau.

More than 96 percent of the organization's donated funds go directly to the programs and services they vet and support in the affected communities. Their focus is on those who need support the most, by initially giving food, water and shelter and then participating in rebuilding.

Its current goal for donations is \$2,000,000.

If you are looking for a place to send donations, this may be an option for you. Although they have programs around the world, you can specify relief for whichever area concerns you the most.

Their address is simply globalgiving.com.

Thanking you,

— Joann Henderson
 The Kyle Building

TIER II GROWS SHOULD BE A CONCERN

A Mr. Jerry McGuire applied to the city (Dunes City) for a Tier II marijuana grow on his .30 acre waterfront lot (number 1912141002900), which is directly on Woahink Lake and has a home and dock located directly across from the swim area and public dock day use area.

Additionally, I believe that the State of

Oregon owns the water of Woahink Lake, and perhaps were not notified of this LUCS application so that they could respond appropriately.

Being a waterfront property, many agencies should be involved since this is for a Tier II grow — meaning 40K square feet of cannabis directly on the lakefront. The LUCS form suggests that the LUCS applicant needs to request a variance for a fence higher than six feet.

Seems odd to add this since it's waterfront. Nothing is mentioned regarding the property is 1,000 feet from a public park, yet we all know that being on the lake you are living on the border of a state park.

This is why our city hasn't been able to control speeding or loud boats that use this public park for recreation.

People swim, motorboat, canoe, kayak, fish and waterski right near the docks. Therefore, the LUCS application is in question because it's most certainly too close to a "park."

I am not sure why the city allowed its use knowing this.

Nothing has been mentioned regarding water, so I assume water will be drawn directly from the lake?

Is it ok to irrigate directly from the lake?

This grow should be cause for concern.

—Catherine Caudle
 Dunes City Resident

OPTIONS FOR TEENS ISN'T BABYSITTING

In response to Jacquie Beveridge's reply ("School Isn't For Childcare," Sept. 9) to my Letter to the Editor ("Stop Falling For The Lies," Sept. 6), let me start by saying that I believe in lively discussion.

We learn from other's perspectives.

And although we can't always change their minds, if we listen with open minds we can hopefully at least understand

opposing opinions.

I think it is wonderful that she was able to provide great childcare for her children. But for many who are working a full time job at minimum wage, it is nearly impossible to pay the rent or a mortgage, house or renter's insurance, car insurance, utilities, food and other necessities too numerous to mention, and still have enough money left over for the good childcare she referred to.

Quality childcare is very costly.

But I feel she completely missed the point of my letter. I was not speaking of youngsters whom you usually are referring to when speaking of childcare, namely babies up to about 5th graders. I was speaking of middle and high school age kids; kids who are old enough to walk the streets alone.

Think about that with an open, understanding mind.

Pre-teens and teens need a place to go. I'm not talking about babysitting — I mean a place for teenagers to hang out. A place where they can socialize, do their homework, maybe use a computer and perhaps have a meaningful conversation with a mentoring adult.

This is very different from daycare. And if you believe that kids are our future, and understand that some parents simply can't be there for their teenaged kids after school, then I don't understand why anyone would object to tax dollars helping to support after school programs.

Again, I applaud anyone's ability to provide childcare for their kids, but that is not what I was talking about.

I do think that the last sentence of Ms. Beveridge's letter explains the main difference of opinion: "I don't think taxpayers should be expected to feed and care for children whose parents can't afford to do so themselves."

What, then, do you propose?

—Gail Katz
 Florence

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