

LETTERS

A DIFFERENT VIEW ON IMMIGRATION

I have been a small business owner. For 25 years I was a director and operations manager for companies that employed immigrants as the main part of their work force. I worked with Puerto Ricans, Haitians, Vietnamese and Latinos in locations from Bedford Stuyvesant, NY, to south central Los Angeles, Oxnard and Agoura, Calif. When those companies were hiring, the chance of hiring a relative of those already

employed was very high. The employee who made the recommendation of family or friend made sure that the hiree had the right skills and temperament for the job.

They often were involved in training the new employee, and the new worker appreciated the opportunity and demonstrated it through hard work.

The work ethic of those minorities was such that you would find men and women who didn't miss a day of work for 10-25 years.

Many developed skills as machinists, electronic techs, supervisors, etc.

My experience has shown me that if people are treated respectfully and compensated according to the level of contribution they make to the company, they will reward you with loyalty and honesty. We hear the words today

about "chain immigrants" made to sound like they are part of a "chain gang."

I speak of family people who have contributed to the strength of our country.

—Ron Preisler
Florence

"Small attacks on small hills would not win the war."

—Bill Durst
Florence

DISAPPOINTED WITH MCKEOWN

We are greatly disappointed and outraged that our Rep. Caddy McKeown voted "no" on HB 4145, the Domestic Violence Victim Protection Act, becoming the only Democrat to join Republicans in opposing this bill.

When our delegation from Florence met with her in Salem on Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day, she raised only two technical issues that in our opinion were not sufficient reasons to oppose the bill. We would like to know specifically her reason for opposing this bill and others like it in the past.

We have supported her candidacy not only with our votes but with hard work in the community. This year with the growing gun violence throughout our country, we will no longer support candidates that fail to support sensible gun violence prevention measures.

We signed Gabby Gifford's pledge: "I promise that I will vote courage in November

and support candidates who will stand up to the gun lobby and take action to make our communities safer from gun violence," and have encouraged others to do the same.

In all future elections, we will follow the lead set by President Obama when he passionately stated in an Op-Ed in the New York Times, "I will not campaign for, vote for or support any candidate, even in my own party, who does not support common-sense gun reform."

We encourage others to do the same.

—Mike and Pat Allen
Florence

WHEN WILL THEY EVER LEARN?

The recent news regarding the latest tragic school shooting in Florida makes me sick. Here we go again. As a parent, I always worry that it can happen here and feel deeply for the parents who are facing the death of their child.

I also read that the National Rifle Association is being investigated for funneling laundered Russian money into the presidential campaign. Oregon's Representative Ron Wyden is working on the forefront of the investigation, to

make information available to the public.

Then I read the ad in Siuslaw News about the upcoming Fraudville fundraiser for our local Boys and Girls Club and held at the casino every year. The newspaper just ran a long story about the needs of the BGC, and my children have been in excellent programs there — so I support them fully.

But the big raffle item this year is... a 9mm pistol?

What happened to raffling off handmade quilts or romantic weekend get-aways? Now we have to raffle off a gun?

The irony here is huge. Personally, I would gladly give up my constitutional right to own a gun if I knew it would prevent tens of thousands of gun deaths per year here in the U.S.

But I also have almost no hope for this country changing its gun laws. Certainly not if our NRA is funneling Russian laundered money.

What's that refrain in the old song, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"

"When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?"

—Mary Beth Rawlins
Florence

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RESPONSE TO AN OLD U.S. MARINE

I am compelled to respond to Tony Cavarno's Letter to the Editor ("Thoughts from an old US Marine," Feb. 17).

As an old veteran of the U.S. Army Security Agency who served in Korea, I wonder if Mr. Cavarno would like the current generation to know the myths or the facts about this country's imperialistic venture in Korea.

Would he want them to know that conquering those hills was a repetitious non-strategic total waste of human life? Or that the South Korean government that the U.S. was supposedly defending charged rent for the land used for military bases? (which U.S. taxpayers paid for.)

I suggest he read the book by U.S. Marine Corps Major General Smedley Butler, "War is a Racket," and think about President Eisenhower's comment on the war in 1951:

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3 Bdrm, 3 Ba 1444 sq ft
\$269,900 BH7581 ML#17384212



FEATURED LISTING
Beach cottage. Come play at the beach. Eateries & market nearby. Live full time or part time. Newly graveled driveway.
1 or 2 Bdrm, 1 Ba 840 sq ft
\$125,000 BH7394 ML#17200307



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