

Siuslaw News
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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.

"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." —Thomas Jefferson (1800)

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Dear Readers,
 The Siuslaw News is our community's most widely read newspaper for many reasons. Some read our paper for coverage of local news, public meetings, social events, local sports and information on area organizations and fundraisers; others enjoy our articles, special features, editorials and coverage of people and places that make the Siuslaw Region so unique.
 In addition, a great number of subscribers rely on us for grocery ads and sales, real estate listings, financial and health information, as well as advertising from the many businesses — both long-established and newly opened — around our area. This

includes the Siuslaw News classified ad section, which is a popular source of information on everything from garage, yard and estate sales, to personal ads, legal listings and a television viewing schedule with our accurate TV Listings.
 The Siuslaw News' team of journalists work every day covering the news and local events in order to provide in-depth, fact-based news stories to keep our community informed, educated and inspired. Readers of the Siuslaw News know they can count on balanced reporting of local government, committee and board meetings, community news, and interesting feature stories on local residents and the

arts, along with in-depth investigative pieces.
 Now in our 129th year, we look forward to continuing our commitment to offer "The News and Views That Define Our Community."
 If you are a current subscriber, reader or advertiser with the Siuslaw News, we'd like to thank you for supporting your community newspaper and local journalism. And to those receiving today's complimentary edition, we hope you will enjoy it and consider becoming a subscriber.
 —Sincerely,
 Jenna Bartlett, Publisher
 Ned Hickson, Editor

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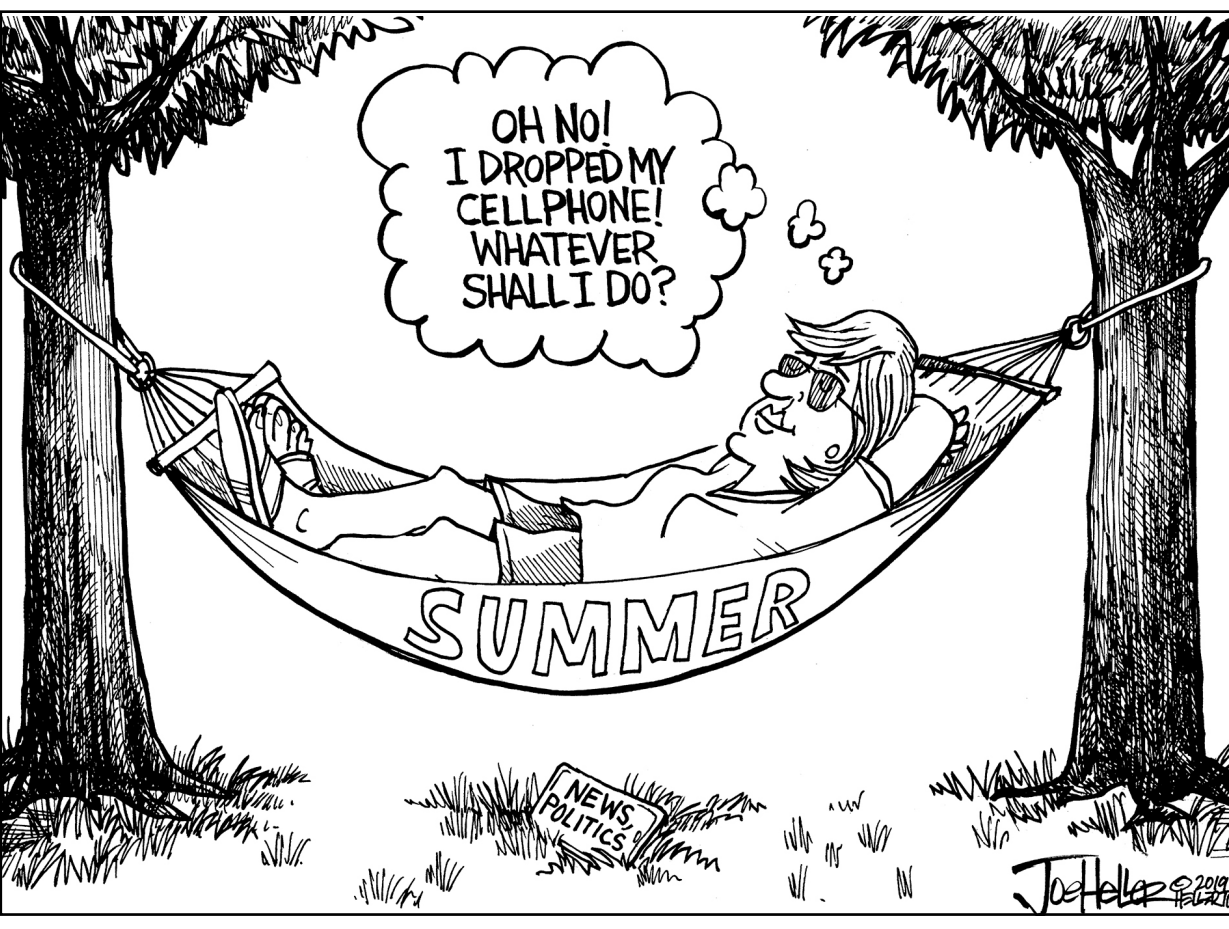
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 Candidates themselves may not use the letters to the editor column to outline their views and platforms or to ask for votes; this constitutes paid political advertising.
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YOUR LETTERS

COMMISSIONERS, REMEMBER YOUR DUTY TO DEMOCRACY

Tuesday night, June 18, Lane County residents addressed the county commissioners on the proposed spray ban initiative and the right to local community self-government initiative (which legally authorizes citizens to write and pass laws to protect our health, safety and welfare, such as the spray ban).
 Proponents of the ban told personal stories of health harms endured due to aerial herbicide spray exposure, and the science that backs up their heartbreaking stories.
 Timber industry advocates refuted their claims.
 The real issue here, regardless of where you stand on the practice

of aerial herbicide spraying is that 15,000 county residents signed two petitions to refer these measures to the voters. If you don't want to ban sprays, vote against the ban, but don't suggest that the people should be denied access to the ballot box; to be the decision-makers this country so desperately needs us to be.
 As a part of democratic government decision-making, the initiative system is the people's voice. It's how we legislate, especially when elected officials don't listen to us.
 Yes, Commissioners, it is well within your duties to refer these initiatives, so do it.
 Democracy itself is at stake here.

—Michelle Holman
 Deadwood

LUCKY TO HAVE REALITY OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

The Guest Viewpoint submitted by Mr. Buchman ("Unitary Executive Theory and Congressional Subpoenas," June 12) is pure poppycock. I suggest he go through the Constitution and just cross out all the words and phrases he doesn't like or don't meet his agenda.
 In an alternate reality, Hillary Clinton won; we are lucky we have President Trump in this one.
 I didn't see a Guest Viewpoint for Obama's resignation when he called the Constitution "...an old piece of parchment that needs changing."
 —Martin Cable
 Florence

