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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)

On the Lighter Side... Don't let your turkey become memorable for the wrong reasons



By Ned Hickson



The countdown has begun. Before long, thousands will be in the kitchen preparing their very first Thanksgiving turkey.

As a service to readers, we felt a responsibility to help educate people about food-borne illness by offering a special holiday feature I'm calling:

Don't lose your giblets this Thanksgiving.

Being a writer and journalist, I've naturally spent a good portion of my career working in the food service industry.

And like most writers, it was there that I was able practice my craft and eventually acquire something that ALL good writers must have:

A Food Handler's Card.

Because of this, I can stand before you as someone highly qualified to talk turkey.

So let us begin.

Unless you actually live on a turkey farm (in which case you'll be serving ham or nachos or meat loaf or microwaveable pork rinds or anything BUT more turkey this Thanksgiving), your bird has probably been somewhere in the bottom of the freezer since last January — in most cases, right next to that unlabeled container of something which, in its frozen state, has become completely unrecognizable.

This means that you will have to thaw your turkey before cooking it.

To estimate how long the thawing process should take, the rule of thumb is 24 hours for every five pounds, which means that if you forgot to pull your bird out ahead of

time, you'll be thawing your turkey with a blow torch like the rest of us.

Once it's thawed, reach into the abdominal cavity and remove the giblets, which, apparently, all turkeys conveniently wrap in wax paper and then swallow moments before death.

If you choose to cook the stuffing inside the turkey, make sure that you don't over-stuff the body cavity. This can impede the cooking process and provide a breeding ground for foodborne illness.

In addition, the expansion of cooked bread crumbs in a confined space can lead to what culinary experts call "Exploding Turkey" syndrome. Though it's not lethal, it will mean a substan-

tial delay in festivities while everyone waits for you to scrape the stuffing from the ceiling.

Important tip for first-timers: Once the bird has been stuffed, remember to put the legs into a tucked position using twine or a metal clip.

This is important because, if you don't, the legs WILL spring up and do the splits at some point during dinner.

Okay, not really.

But if that does happen, you may want to put the turkey back into the oven for a while — assuming you haven't lost your giblets...

Our best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Hood River acts on Climate Change. How about Florence?

(Editor's Note: Viewpoint submissions on this and other topics are always welcome as part of our goal to encourage community discussion and exchange of perspectives.)

I wish to report on my conversation with Kate McBride, mayor of Hood River, Ore., about a Climate Emergency Resolution that was passed by the Hood River City Council on Nov. 12.

Hood River became the first city in Oregon to pass such a resolution.

Mayor McBride outlined the two-year process that led to this resolution and pointed to one of the main reasons for its successful passage — namely that there was only one climate denier on the six person Council.

Students at the local high school were also instrumental by presenting their own resolution, which was used in part in the adopted resolution. The city made use of an intern under a sti-

pend from the University of Oregon to help with development of the resolution.

Elements of an energy plan with many actionable items developed by the Hood River County Energy Planning Council, which Mayor McBride served on, will be used going forward.

In addition, the City will hire someone to help guide them in the implementation of strategies outlined in the resolution.

I was struck by the similarities between our efforts to educate our respective communities about the climate emergency. Both communities are comparable in size with 2017 popu-

lations of 7,686 in Hood River and 8,947 in Florence.

However, a big difference is in how our respective city councils reacted to the alarms raised by its citizens. The Florence City Council under the leadership of Mayor Joe Henry declined to respond to requests to address the climate crisis, first two years ago, and more recently in July.

I am inviting environmental activists to join me at City Hall every Friday for a Climate Strike protest, rain or shine, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., with signs demanding the city council act on the climate crisis. I am thankful for the more than 20 people who have signed our petition to demand action from the mayor and Florence City Council.

Together, we can make the City Council respond to the climate emergency by following the example of Hood River.

GUEST VIEWPOINT By Michael Allen Climate Emergency Campaign

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("UN IPCC Scientist Blows Whistle on Lies About Climate, Sea Level" www.thenewamerican.com/tech/environment/item/31472-un-ipcc-scientist-blows-whistle-on-un-climate-lies)

Isle de Jean Charles is sinking rather than flooding from sea level rise. To say that climate change is responsible is a red herring. A 2017 study at Tulane University found that subsidence is the primary cause. "A recent analysis of surface-elevation change (SEC) and vertical accretion (VA) data from marshes in North America and Europe suggests that concerns about marsh vulnerability to sea-level rise may have been overstated" (www.nature.com/articles/ncomms14792)

It is interesting to note the Stephen H. Schneider, one of the IPCC founders, wrote in 1971, "It is found that even an increase by a factor of 8 in the amount of CO2, which is highly unlikely in the next several thousand years, will produce an increase in the surface temperature of less than 2°K."

[Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide and Aerosols: Effects of Large Increases on Global Climate]

Similar results were returned 20 years earlier at Harvard and the British MO. Schneider then said in 1989, "We have to get some broad-based support to capture the public's imagination. That, of course, entails getting loads of media coverage. So, we have to offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements and make little mention of any doubts we might have.

This 'double ethical bind' which we frequently find ourselves in cannot be solved by any formula. Each of us has to decide what the right balance is between being effective and being honest. I hope that means being both." (Discover, October 1989.) [Emphasis added]

The Sahara Desert was once a lush garden. Ditto Mesopotamia. The Anasazi in New Mexico were driven out by climate change long before the current CO2 hysteria. Decades of drought coinciding with the end of the Medieval Warm Period drove them off their formerly verdant land.

The climate has always changed. The climate will always change. Like the Anasazi, we must adapt.

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