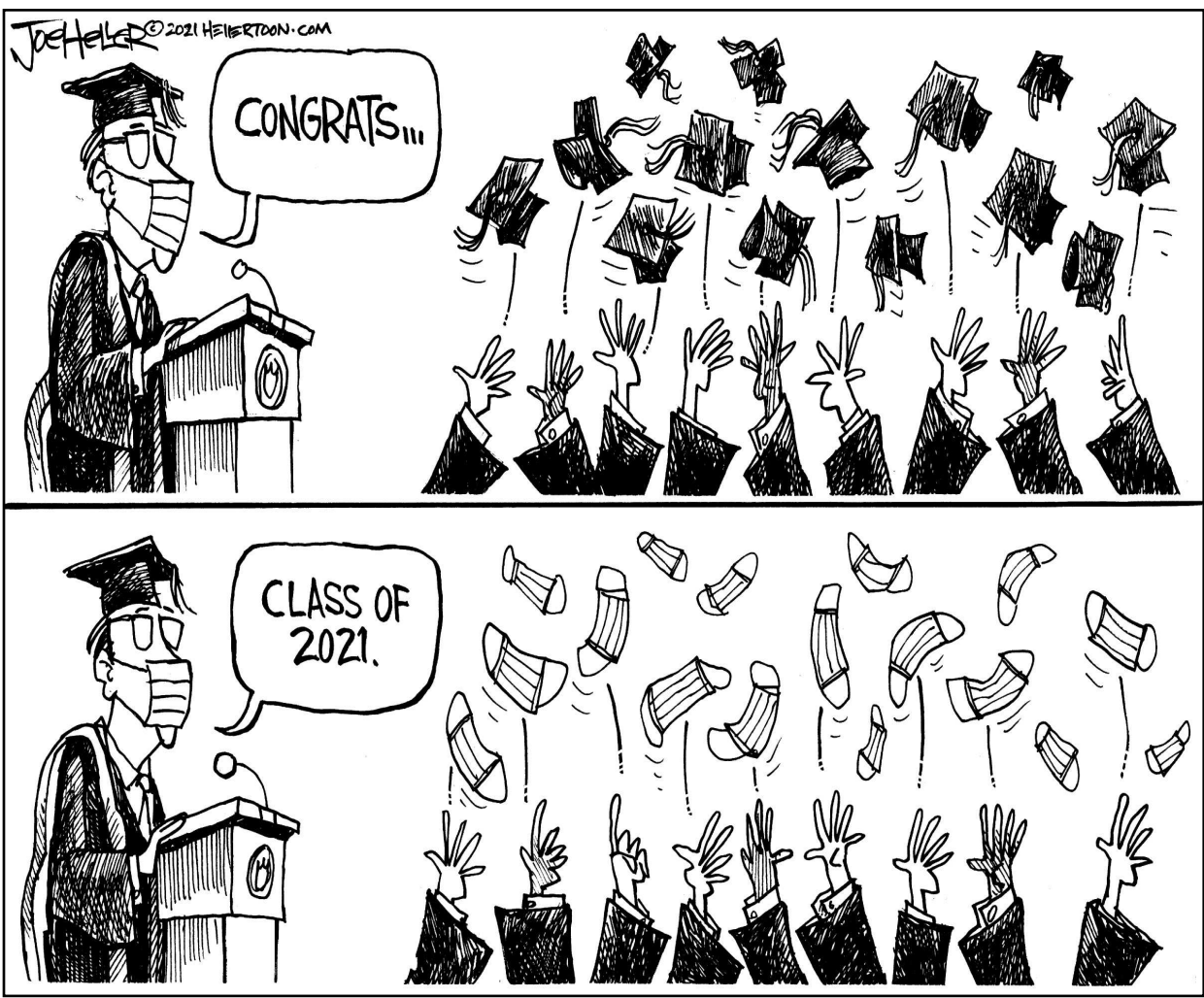


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Opinion

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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LETTERS

THANKFUL TO ANONYMOUS HEROES AT SUTTON RAMP

We would like to give a big shout out to the two young boys who saved the day when we were launching our pontoon boat at the Sutton Lake boat ramp on Tuesday (May 11).

Anyone who has launched a boat there knows of the dangerous "cliff" at the end of the ramp.

Our trailer fell into the hole and lurched so bad it threw the boat cockeyed on the trailer. We could not move forward nor back.

It was these two heroes that jumped in the water and pushed and pulled until the boat was free from the trailer. Even then, it was difficult to pull the trailer out of the hole.

We did not get their names but can't thank them enough for helping us out of a very precarious and scary situation.

—Sandy Ramsey
 Florence

chose to live in Florence that I became aware of her work in the field of education.

I've seen her in action while tutoring at Lane Community College. I believe in her earnest efforts to promote schooling for special needs children.

She will put her educational background and experience to work for the Siuslaw District.

When you read her list of goals and issues she wishes to address, you will see a lady who is not afraid of challenges.

Please, vote for Maureen Miltenberger; our schools and students will truly benefit from her leadership.

—Jennifer White
 Florence

COVID FACTS WORTH NOTING

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has been a dangerous disease — but also the most political for politicians and the press.

Let's take a look at just the numbers supplied by the CDC and Oregon Health Authority. Then you make up your own mind.

State of Oregon (5/1/21):
 • Oregon Population: 4,218,000
 • Ore. Adult Population: 3,353,310

COVID-19 Data (5/1/21):
 • Ore. Fully Vaccinated people: 1,190,912
 • Ore. Partially (1 dose) Vaccinated people: 1,870,231
 • Ore. People with positive cases: 185,621

• Ore. Pop with some immunity: 3,246,764

• Percent of U.S. population with some immunity: 282.24M./332M or 77 percent

Above are the facts unless you believe these numbers are fabricated by states, CDC and the federal government. We can draw some conclusions (this is where we may all disagree):

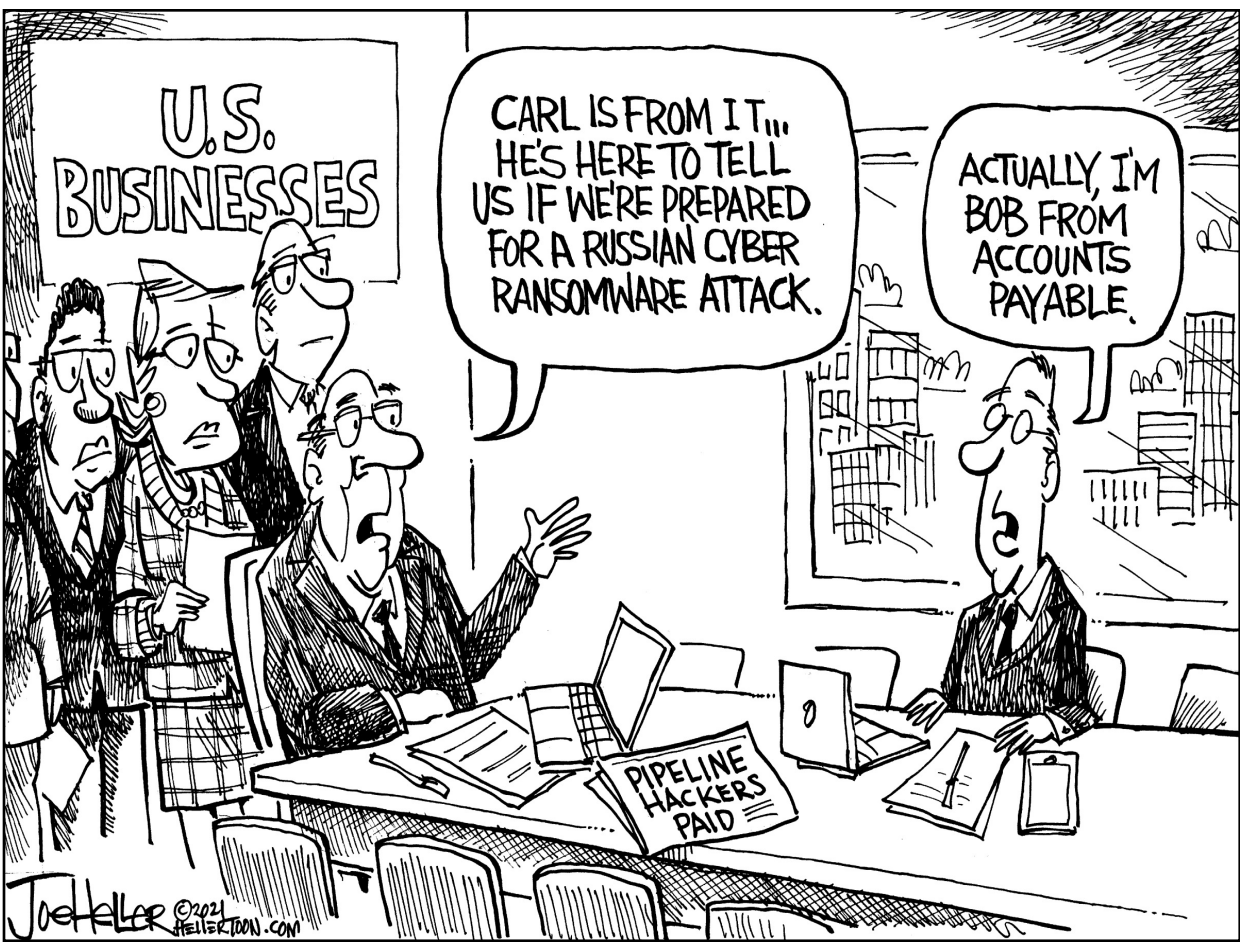
1) We are well past the middle of herd immunity (usually from 40-75 percent).

2) Those still catching COVID have not been vaccinated and are most likely between the ages of 18 and 45. Catching COVID is not all bad at this stage because most of these cases now are not deadly and do give these people a natural T-cell immunity. Many of these folks do and did not intend to get vaccinated.

3) It is really ignorant at this point to close businesses and lock down because 77 to 85 percent of people have some immunity. It would be better and more scientific to keep things open and those with no immunity to wear masks, stay at home, etc.

4) It is up top you to protect your life and to feel comfortable, so wear a mask, social distance, etc., as you see fit. But please do not get upset with others who do not wish to do so as they have their rights as well.

—Tim Salisbury
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