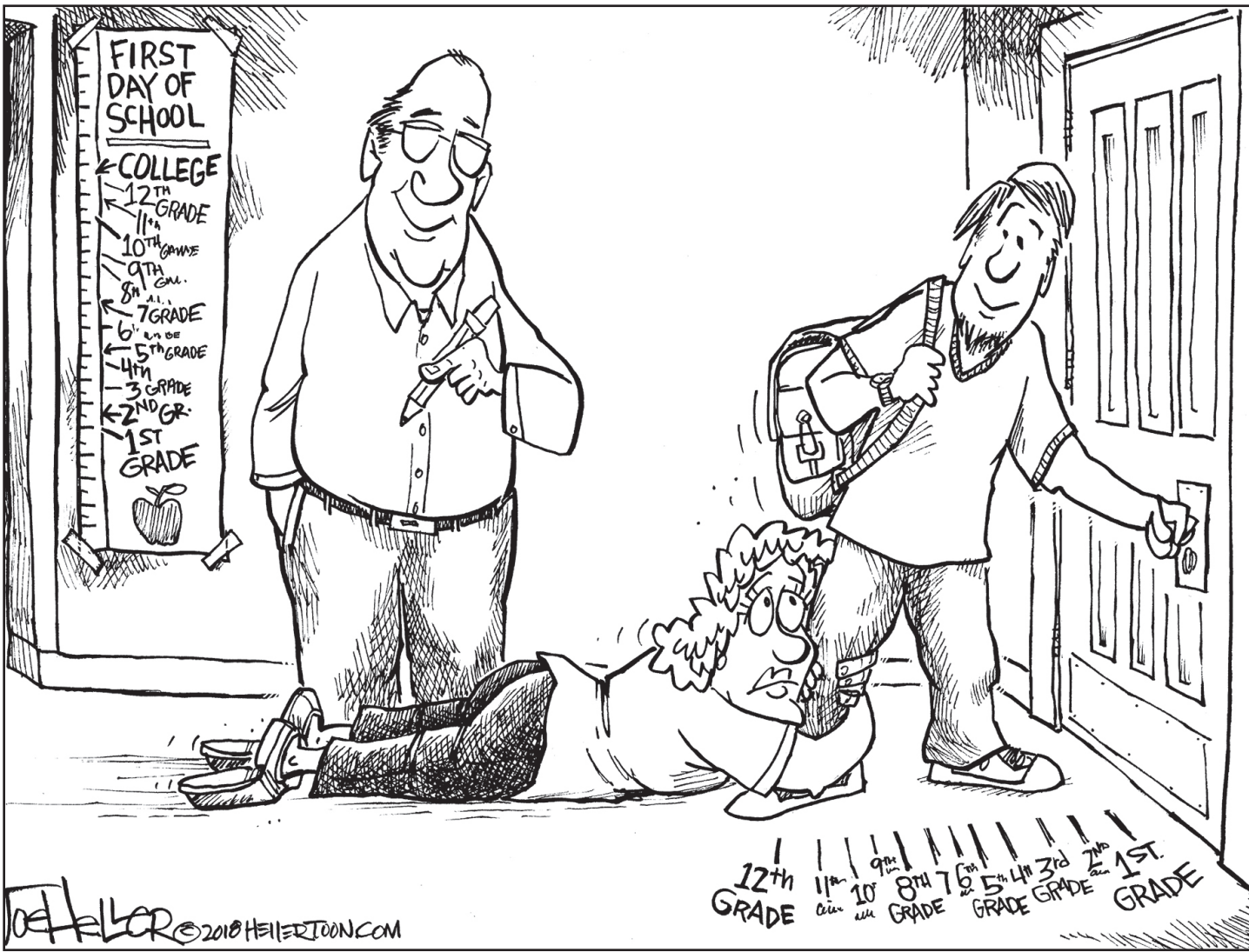


# OPINION

## 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 their Government for a redress of grievances.



### LETTERS

#### Better served by creating our own opportunity

[Regarding Ned Hickson's editorial "We've Come a Long Way Since the Dixie Chicks — But In the Wrong Direction," July 25], he was correct about that but failed to mention how frighten-

ingly far we have fallen as a country. Never before have we had "artists" and "comedians" finding it humorous and apparently appropriate to openly depict our president beheaded... to wish his innocent children imprisoned... to openly portray his graceful intelligent wife as a

common wh--! Very sad that the population of these United States cannot comprehend that there is more than one opinion of how we are best governed and that there are literally millions who kept their mouths shut and prayed for an election that they could change the tide

with; those who think their children and grandchildren are better served by opportunity to work and create their own future than to live off the dole!

—Joy Straub  
Cottage Grove

### Educate yourself about danger of fracking to environment

(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 love our beautiful state of Oregon; the high desert, the mountains and especially our incredible coastal lakes, rivers and beaches. Growing up in the '50s and '60s near Lake Erie in Ohio, I lived through two-headed fish in Lake Erie, the Cuyahoga River catching on fire and the bright-red sunsets from the steel mill in the next city. All this was before the Clean Air Act (1970) and Clean Water Act (1972).

Coming to Oregon in 1975 was the best move I have ever made. We truly have it all.

The natural beauty of Oregon is beyond compare, which is why we all need to educate ourselves on the current threat to our rivers, streams,

forests, wildlife, air quality and recreational access to our protected areas.

The Jordan Cove Energy Project is a proposal to build a 229-mile fracked gas pipeline across Southwestern Oregon and a Liquefied

Gas (LNG) export terminal in Coos Bay. The Canadian company Pembina wants to build the 229-mile pipeline from Malin, Ore., to Coos Bay, crossing 400 rivers, streams and other waterways including the Rogue, Klamath, Coos and South Umpqua rivers.

This is a project that has been denied twice over the last 13 years. But now, with loosened regula-

tions and secrecy, this Canadian company is trying again. The Army Corps. of Engineers and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are seeking public comments as they review two Clean Water Act permit applications for Jordan Cove.

We each have a responsibility to educate ourselves about this project, which you can do on July 16, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Public Library

Learn about the scientific facts related to fracked gas, pipeline leaks, dredging for 900-foot tankers coming into Coos Bay, and other concerns that we, as Oregonians, should understand.

I urge anyone who values protecting the things that make Oregon beautiful to learn about this project and, just as importantly, who stands to benefit most from this project.

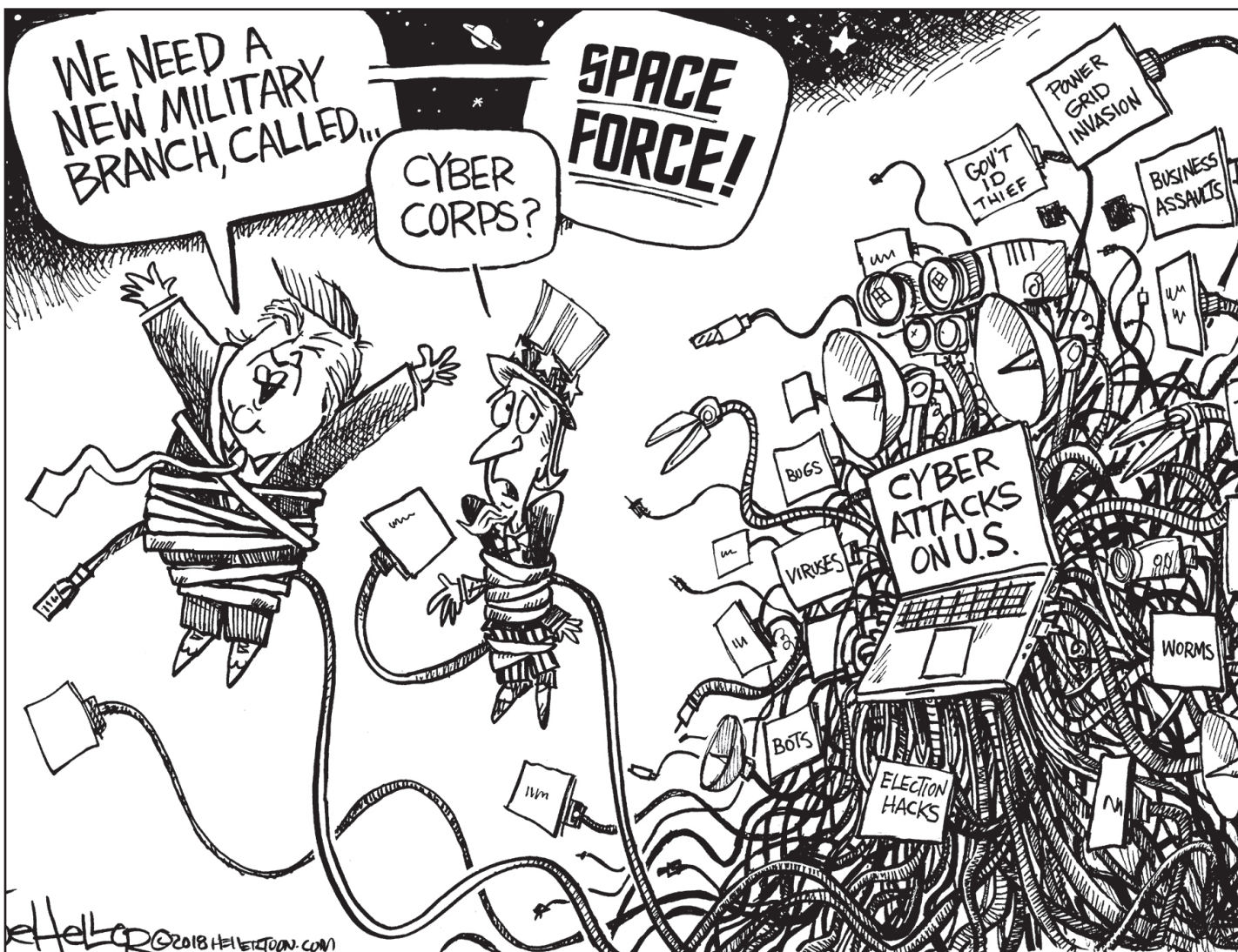
#### GUEST VIEWPOINT By Julia Tousley-Ritt

Natural Gas (LNG) export terminal in Coos Bay.

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