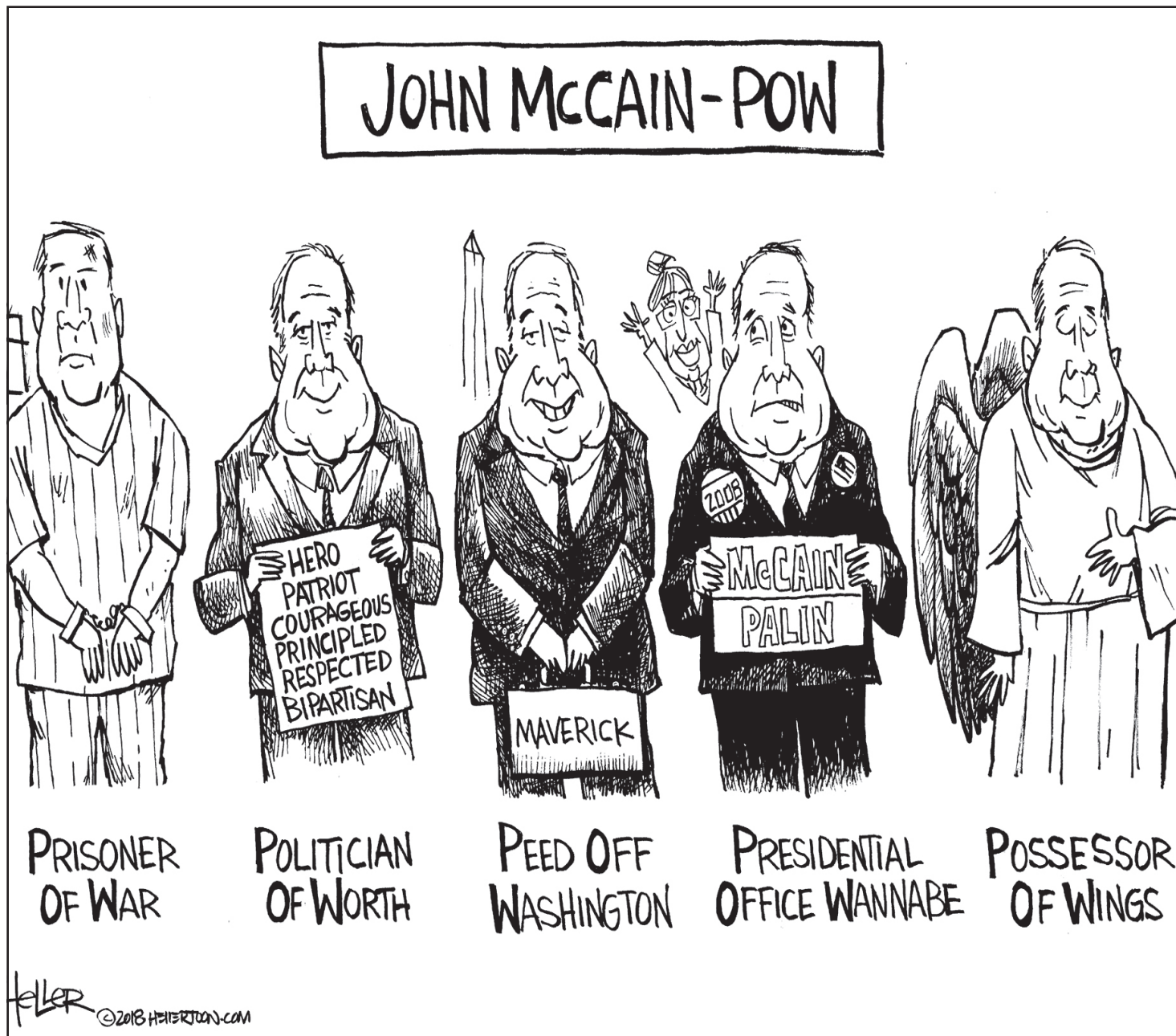


# OPINION

## 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 to the Editor Policy

The Sentinel welcomes letters to the editor as part of a community discussion of issues on the local, state and national level.

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## LETTERS

### Speeds still too fast

Pedestrians are still in harm's way when crossing. Speeds are still too fast on Main Street and tail gating is real bad.

Also, I hope the work put in on Harrison school construction is better than the way all the grass they put in. Looks like a weed patch.

—Ike Shepherd  
Cottage Grove

### Thank you to Cottage Grove community for hospitality

On behalf of the North West Dodge Brothers (NWDB) and the Northern California Dodge Brothers & Sisters (NCDB&S) Antique Auto Groups (Those crazy people driving those Old-Cars) who visited your beautiful city over the

week of Aug. 13-18, I want to thank the citizens and the City of Cottage Grove, all of the businesses, the Cottage Grove Historical Society, Oregon Historical Aviation Society and the Bohemia Mining Museum for showing our 100 members — along with their cars and trucks — your hospitality and kindness throughout our visit to your wonderful town.

A special thanks must go to the City of Cottage Grove, Parks and Recreation Department, for allowing our members to display their 1915 through 1962 Dodge Brothers and Dodge vehicles around the beautiful fountain at your Wednesday Night "Music-in-the-Park" celebration.

Thanks also to Travis Palmer, his staff and volunteers at the Chamber

of Commerce for the brochures and pamphlets that helped to guide our members around downtown and out into the rural areas of Lane and Jefferson counties.

A big thanks to the folks who prepared the guide to locating and the descriptions of the covered bridges of Lane County.

Four of our members wanted to send an special thank you to all the folks at Les Schwab Tires for helping with blown-out and road damaged tire problems occurring on the way to our meet.

Our attendees want to thank Don Sperry, general manager of the Cottage Grove, Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram Dealership for allowing our numerous car-trailers to park in his vacant lot over the dura-

tion of our meet.

Congratulations to all the staff and volunteers of the Saturday Toga Parade and the evening's "TOGA, TOGA, TOGA Party." We hope that it was as large a success, as it was fun for the toga-wearing guests.

My personal thank you must go to downtown businessman, Tim Schweitzer for his enthusiasm and creativity in providing commemorative "Animal House" t-shirts as souvenirs of the community Animal House Party and our stay in your town.

Thank you, Cottage Grove, for everything and we look forward to returning.

—Donn Marinovich,  
Treasurer and Event Chair-  
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