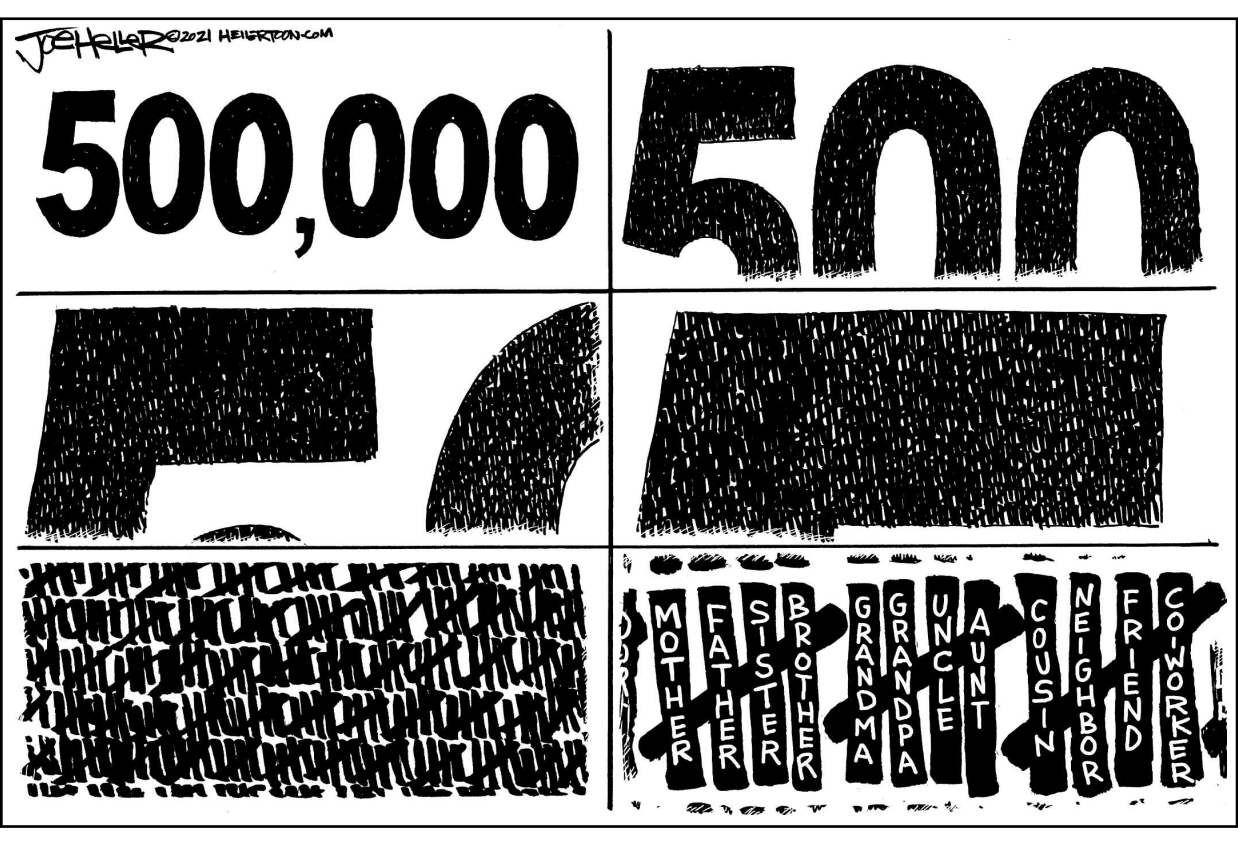


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Opinion

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)



LETTERS

HERE IS THE EVIDENCE

In a recent letter to the editor, a *Sentinel* reader asked us not to talk about election fraud. Before the elections until now, there have been suspicions about the veracity of our elections. That news has usually been labeled by the media as baseless or fraudulent while rarely providing evidence pro or con. At first, we had little evidence which we could discover for ourselves, but now we are awash with data which we can study instead of it being filtered through the opinions of the media or others. Here is how to find the details which you can judge for yourself whether they be true or false: Dr. Peter Navarro's two reports "The Art of the Steal" and "Volume Three of the Navarro Report" give 37 pages of narrative with 174 end notes you can download. You can see video witnesses to the election, court

documents, whistle-blower depositions and forensic audits of Dominion voter machines. HereIsTheEvidence.org is a database cataloging 1,694 datapoints of evidence so you can be your own investigator into Who, What, When, Where and How. This evidence has never been refuted, only ignored. This documents Oregon non-citizens receiving ballots through DMV Driver Licenses. U.S. Constitution Article 1, Sec. 4 says "The times, places, and manner of holding elections for (U.S.) Senators and Representatives shall be prescribed in each state for the legislature thereof..." Judges, governors or Secretaries of State should not change election laws in any state. Election fraud: What does the evidence say?

—Larry Bottemiller
Cottage Grove

RECYCLING ABOUT MORE THAN A DEPOSIT REFUND

I want to share my sympathy with any loss of recycle reimbursement funds and the extra effort it sometimes takes to find locations to recycle. Life just doesn't always treat us fair. I've been real lucky since I've always viewed recycling as a small price I could pay for helping the planet not be so overloaded by the garbage we create, expecting it to be absorbed without causing any damage. I do hope people look at a multitude of policy positions when making their political decisions and not just the inconvenience and revenue loss of recycling. Our community needs every thoughtful vote for moving forward into a clean and healthy future.

—Jody Kinsley
Cottage Grove



At long last, local sports is on the menu

what's happening with our local sports programs in Cottage Grove as well as North Douglas, Yoncalla and Elkton high schools. Currently, Season you'll notice our B section taking the first step in returning to its traditional sports focus — a welcome sight to see. However, we will

change to Thursday publication, we will be able to offer the latest results from that week rather than a week later. We're committed to providing you with sports coverage, particularly since — at least for now — fans won't be allowed to attend as part of the current guidelines. For that reason, we understand the important role we play in bringing you the stories, images and coverage you need in order to keep up to date with your favorite local teams. We also understand that having the opportunity to attend those games on your behalf is not only a privilege but a responsibility we have as your local newspaper. As the sound of cleats in the grass begins, we'll be there to bring you the stories and celebrate the return of something we can all agree is a special kind of "normal."

Two includes football, cross country, soccer and, as of this week, volleyball for Cottage Grove. Unfortunately, as part of Douglas County, North Douglas, Elkton and Yoncalla schools will likely have to put their volleyball programs on hold following this week's decision to designate Douglas County in the "extreme risk" category — a status that does not allow indoor sports. We will continue to keep you updated on the latest decisions by the state, county and schools on this. In the meantime, starting next week,

continue to include our weekly columnists in that section, which we will be renaming as "Sports & Leisure." We made this decision due to the constantly evolving nature of things, which will allow us to "go with the flow" of things while still providing a section that is both informative and fun to read. Our hope is that, come this September, the B section will once again be a traditional Sports & Recreation section highlighting the accomplishments, journeys and achievements of our local athletes each week. And thanks to our

From the Editor's Desk
Ned Hickson

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