



OPINION

The Winners Circle

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KATE PRESTON



Hey there! My name is Kate Preston and I'm a happy September baby! I'm 17 and a senior in high school at the Community School of Naples in Naples, Fla.

- My favorite journalist is Tom Brokaw.
- I love Keeneland because it's super pretty!
- I learned that in journalism, DEADLINES are RELIGION!
- My favorite Colin quotes are, "oh, that's pish-posh" and "I haven't heard that in a coon's age."
- My favorite Rachel quotes are "I need to tinkle" and "that's hot,"
- I love my doggie, Oscar, late-night pow-wows and the beach.

PS: I'm allergic to ants. I'm the high school physics, European history and British literature student of the year at my school. I work in the emergency room of my local hospital.

LAUREN CYDNEY CLOUSE



My name is Lauren Cydney Clouse. I am 17 and a senior at Dunbar High School in Dayton, Ohio.

My favorite writer is Mrs. Sims, my high school English teacher.

The Kentucky Horse Park was my favorite place we have gone this week. I love seeing horses. I think they are beautiful animals with strength and power. I also loved KEEP because I was able to learn many new things I didn't know. I learned how to write better leads to capture readers' attention.

- Can do splits
- Love talking on the phone
- Love my Chihuahua, Molly
- Fav song is Mariah Carey's "One and Only"
- Fav color is pink
- I love SpongeBob

Are traitors the new patriots?

By Kate Preston

A traitor has been unleashed in the legislative system, going to war and trying to destroy our natural born rights. That traitor is a supporter of the Patriot Act.

Because of the Patriot Act, our First Amendment rights to the freedom of speech and press are being destroyed. I believe that the act is misnamed; it should be called the Traitors' Act.

The government that has so soundly protected Americans' system of rights has committed an act of treachery against the pillars of integrity for which it has been known for so long. A true patriot makes use of the Bill of Rights bestowed upon him or her and takes pride in the integrity the forefathers built. Instead, the Patriot Act smears shame on its base word that saved the nation from the grasp of monarchy so long ago.

Section 215 of the act "poses a significant threat to the work of investigatory journalists who write about subjects that may be related to terrorism," according to the Freedom to Read Committee

of the Association of American Publishers. The freedom of the press is severely limited in this case because the journalists aren't allowed to display information fully and fairly. We have to stop and think about the repercussions.

The Patriot Act is like a pistol with three bullets aimed at the heart of America and its values. Those bullets are public ignorance, threats to journalistic integrity, and theft of democratic beauties. The American public will be ignorant regarding the news and events around the world. The journalists' integrity will be in jeopardy because they won't have the liberty to exercise their rights as reporters to deliver a true news story. Most important, the act will defy the democratic beauties that have inspired American citizens for so long.

Just as quickly as a life is taken by a bullet, so could Americans' rights be stolen. It is just as treacherous as a foreign attack on American soil because it directly aims to destroy citizens' rights and liberties.

If the integrity of journalists is diminished because they can't create fair and complete news stories, the public will automatically be under-informed and ignorant to situations in the world.

We don't want another Vietnam. During the war, the public remained ill-informed because of government restrictions. Because the press wasn't able to access the necessary information to cover an in-depth story, the public couldn't exercise its right to information.

Our civil liberties are no longer left to the integrity of our forefathers. Our world has changed. However, as long as freedom of speech and right to press exist, so does the hope of happiness and truth. The purest form of patriotism reigned in the early days of the nation. Don't be a traitor. Let the classic beauty of patriotism maintain the integrity of the country that we have respected for so long. Defend the front lines and fight the Patriot Act before it reaches the heart of America and takes its pride forever.

RACHEL FAIR



Hello there, my name is Rachel Fair. I'm 17 and from Lexington, Ky. I just graduated from Dunbar High School and will be attending Indiana University in the fall.

I love Katie Couric and I hope to have her job some day. I enjoyed visiting Three Chimneys this week and witnessing a breeding. One thing that I will take from this camp is that journalism is a right not a privilege.

Some fun facts about me are: I'm crazy about working out. I love flip-flops because I actually look normal sized. I'm terrified of empty dorm bathrooms. I've modeled for three years and now I'll leave you with a quote from Kate and Colin.

Kate: "Did you play with Smarty Jones? I'm going to kick you in the face."

Colin: "I opened the door and she was just there smiling."

It takes five to win the game

By Rachel Fair

The score is 5-0 with America in the lead. Without those five protections from the First Amendment, England does not stand a chance in the game. Exercising our rights not only makes our country despised by dictators, but also desired by millions of people around the world eager to immigrate. What do freedom of

religion, speech, press, assembly, and petition have in common? They all create the undeniable power of the First Amendment.

We pride ourselves on being known as the giant "melting pot," but if we were not allowed to exercise our freedom of religion, then the giant mass of immigrants would not have sought shelter in our country. Allowing people to exercise different

religions erases many religious wars, creates diversity and opens minds to change.

"Ultimately, America's answer to the intolerant man is diversity," said Robert F. Kennedy, former U.S. attorney general, "the very diversity which our heritage of religious freedom has inspired."

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "A right delayed is a right denied." Martin

Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech caught attention all over the United States. He was a major steppingstone in abolishing segregation and creating unity between blacks and whites. Without the First Amendment, King would not have been allowed to make his speech and situations in our country may still remain sour. Freedom of speech has

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First Amendment helps Americans seek happiness

By Lauren C. Clouse

What would America be like without the First Amendment? It would be an angry and unhappy place.

The First Amendment states that we as the people have the right to freedom of speech and the freedom of religion along with petition, assembly and press. Without the freedoms of religion and speech this world would be nothing like we know it today. The freedom of speech to me means we have the ability to say what we think and voice our opinions about what should be done in all aspects of our world today. The freedom of religion to me means we have the ability to choose our way of worshiping the God or gods we choose.

Without the freedom of speech it would be taking our opinions away. The people's voice would not be heard in any way; we would essentially be silenced. Without the freedom of speech everyone would have the same views on everything and the world would be uniform. People in high-powered positions would be able

to tell the people what to think and say what their opinions are.

Without the freedom of religion we would probably be forced into the religion the president or leader would choose. Without it resisters of this national religion would be persecuted or executed. Freedom of assembly can play into freedom of religion because without it religious organizations would not be able to meet in any way or form.

The freedom of speech and religion give us the people the ability to create ourselves and shape our own lives. Everyone would have the same religion and opinion, so this world would be bland and boring. The freedoms of speech and religion have given us the ability to shape the world as we know and want it. The people of this world sometimes take that for granted.

Without the First Amendment states we have the freedom of speech and the freedom of religion I believe that America would an angry and overall unhappy place without it.

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