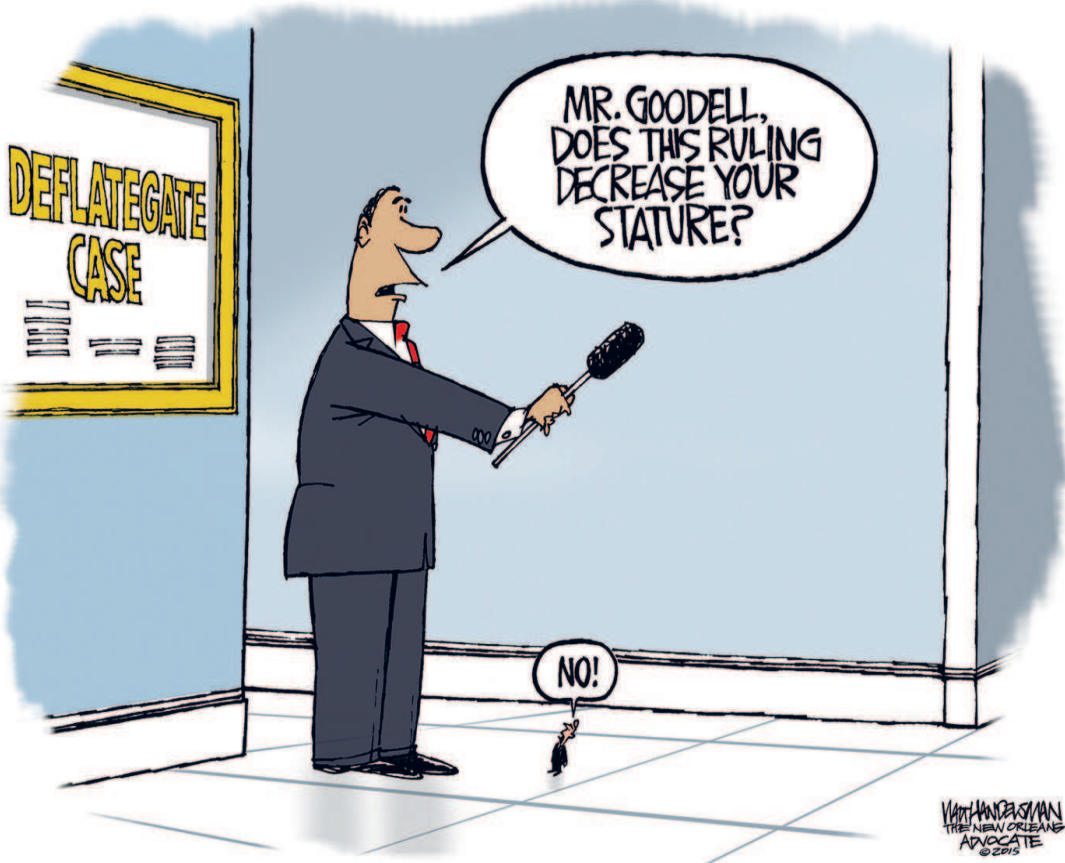


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Letters to the Editor...

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To the Editor:
In reference to the two letters from Mr. Brown and Miss Holland, I am one of the many that say and know for a fact that this proposed roundabout on Highway 20 and Barclay is wrong — just plain wrong! Now the trucks want a bypass?
Just for giggles, put a light in, make us all happy — not the city council — and yes, Miss Holland, the city council passes a lot of stuff that does not benefit Sisters in my opinion. Just saying.
Shannon Chesney

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To the Editor:
Your guest columnist in the September 2

issue quoted accident statistics she got from the Oregon Department of Transportation. She said there were only three serious accidents and no fatalities. I wonder what the definition of “serious” might be.
I personally know four people whose cars were totaled in mishaps at that intersection and witnessed another where the struck car ended up on its roof. One of those accidents resulted in head injuries so drastic an eye was lost. A second resulted in broken ribs and pelvis that took months of recovery.
Maybe the columnist should have asked for collisions, not serious accidents.
The Federal Highway Administration lists

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Sisters Weather Forecast

Courtesy of the National Weather Service, Pendleton, Oregon

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Sunny 80/40	Sunny 84/41	Sunny 89/48	Sunny 86/51	Sunny 81/45	Sunny 80/na

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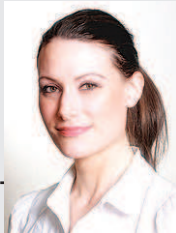


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Rachel Marsden

American Voices

Get ready to blow a fuse on the popcorn machine. The U.S. State Department is playing WikiLeaks with the emails of former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who serves as co-president of the Republic of Clintonstan and also happens to be running for the U.S. presidency.

The emails come from the Republic of Clintonstan's home server, which Clinton said was being protected by the Secret Service, thanks to the Clintonstan security agreement with the United States of America during the period in question. Perhaps this wasn't the best move on the part of the Clintonstanis, since the Secret Service has been plagued by a string of security failures that led to the resignation of its director, Julia Pierson, last fall. Couldn't the Clintonstanis get private security for their private server to go with their private intelligence operatives?

Still, one could argue that Clintonstan state security is better than America's. We keep hearing about the State Department's servers being hacked by foreign entities, including a well-publicized hack late last year that officials attributed to Russia. I wouldn't keep my grocery list on State Department servers at this point.

In March, Clinton said that she didn't keep any classified information on the Clintonstan servers. I think we should make sure of that. For example, let's get a look at the gigantic block of text that was redacted by the State Department under the Freedom of Information Act in a June 20, 2010, email from Clinton's deputy chief of staff, Jacob Sullivan, to Clinton and top aide Huma Abedin entitled "Lavrov" — as in Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. Not classified, huh? Did someone accidentally spill a bottle of white-out correction fluid all over this one, as well as all over Clinton's response? "Can you run the traps ..." is all we get to see of it. The late *New York Times* columnist William Safire defined the political slang phrase "run the traps" in a 1987 column as meaning "survey those in the know."

Oh, spill it, sister. What exactly did you find in your

trawl? After all, it's not classified, right?

Speaking of those in the know, much of the Clintonstan intelligence apparatus seems to consist of published newspaper analyses, non-governmental organizations and private intelligence operatives. There's little indication that the Republic of Clintonstan had much use for the CIA or any other multi-billion-dollar U.S. agencies. Instead, longtime Clintonstan operative Sidney Blumenthal was cranking out actionable intelligence reports. One from 2010 that really puts the "class" in "classified" included an armchair psychoanalysis of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: "The father, Benzion Netanyahu; 100 years old ... adored his son Yoni, heroically killed (in Operation Entebbe, a 1976 hostage-rescue mission in Uganda). Benyamin has never measured up. ... Bibi desperately seeks his father's approbation and can never equal his dead brother."

Another Blumenthal memo from 2010 recounted a dinner with former German Vice Chancellor Joschka Fischer: "Fischer points out that if Iran develops nuclear weaponry the Saudis already have their own bomb. The Saudis invested in Pakistan's nuclear weaponry partly for this eventuality; that's their bomb in reserve."

That observation renders virtually moot all the hand-wringing over Iran someday developing a nuclear weapon — meaning that the Clintonstanis were about five years ahead of the curve on the bottom line of the Iran nuke deal.

Clinton likes cheat sheets for phone calls, instructing Abedin: "Pls send me call sheet for (the Ecuadorian call) — I don't have a clue!"

In a 2010 email with the subject line "Law of the Seas," Clinton asks an aide, "Can you tell me if China has signed this treaty?" Why yes, it did — in 1996. Perhaps Google search is blocked in Clintonstan.

The State Department's email dump is the *National Enquirer*, the Kardashians, and Edward Snowden all rolled into one. The Republic of Clintonstan doesn't need a seat in the Oval Office — it needs a reality TV show.

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