

LETTERS

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trust in the people around you. The level of distrust and dishonesty that I have seen in this political system is astounding. It is practically a joke to me now. The sobering truth is that this is actually not healthy for anyone because it is not ideal to feel like you are being lied to by someone who is your nation's official leader. But what I have discovered is that responding with hatred is only fueling the fire of things that we don't want. It seems quite apparent that this is why the media is being used to spur such animosity between our citizens.

Love is the only thing that can actually heal this nation. Regardless of your race, religion, lifestyle, or views — I think we can all agree that love is the only thing that can unite us. How can a country stand strong when its own citizens are hating each other? If everyone in this country just committed themselves to being more genuinely loving to themselves and the people around them, these issues would start to vanish.

Andrew Roe

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To the Editor:

Is it just me, or has anyone else noticed how often the term "racist" is used as a political weapon? One would have thought things would be better after the leadership of an African American elected twice for President. Wear the wrong costume as a 5-year-old for Halloween: racist! You believe in borders: racist! You support Trump: racist! Non-white loses election: opponent and supporters are racist!

Having grown up in the South in the early 1950s I witnessed the era of brown and white drinking fountains and "Whites Only" signs on restaurant doors. Actual history reveals the birth, growth, and establishment of racism rooted within our country.

Which party sacrificed close to 500,000 killed, wounded, or missing in order to preserve the enslaving of other human beings? Which party gave birth to the KKK? According to Tuskegee Institute, 4,743 people were lynched between 1882 and 1968. Party

of Lincoln, don't think so! Which are the Party of Jim Crow laws that came after the Civil War? Remember George Wallace standing at a school's entry to prevent a young African American girl from entering. Who murdered Dr. King, Republican NRA member or Democrat? Remember Robert Byrd; once a very active member of the KKK (other prominent Dems as well). Which party did Oregon's own disgraceful KKK expand out of? You guessed it, Democratic.

Who then are the real racists? They use terms like "dog-whistle," "house Negro," "Uncle Tom" and most recently "ignorant man-child." They have the audacity to insist African Americans are better off voting Democrat; just can't let go of that slavery thing!

Democrat and FAKE news elites' endless charge of racism against those that disagree with them reeks of hypocrisy. It's intended to intimidate and silence and only serves to tear our country apart. Maybe that's what they want.

As for the press, I suggest reading the S.P.J. Code of Ethics.

Jeff Mackey

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To the Editor:

I am a mail subscriber and really enjoy reading Jim Anderson's "Sisters naturalist" column.

I hope he lives and writes for another 20 years.

Gary Manchester

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To the Editor:

Once again, Mr. Rullman charges into the territory of politics, heedless of being ambushed by facts. He is distracted by noises to the right then turns away after finding nothing there. He turns to the left but ignores evidence of trip-wires. He retreats to the belief that no one knows the truth and throws up smokescreens: Clinton, China, "Fake News."

I quote Matthew Miller: "So Donald Trump's private business, campaign, transition, inaugural committee, and White House are all under criminal investigation. Very legal and very cool." Actually,

there are so many that Miller forgot that the Trump Foundation is also under criminal investigation.

Hint: The truth is where you would usually find it, in plain sight, right in front of you. You just have to look.

Michael Wells

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To the Editor:

I had the privilege of being one of the spouses invited to the City of Sisters Christmas party this weekend, past. My spouse is a volunteer in one of the many groups put together by the City, for the people.

Sound familiar? High school government class. The government was set up by the people, for the people. This city government was demonstrating not only what it believes in with the many groups but the results of the groups as well.

I was truly amazed with the folks that spoke of their group's progress and seeing the many volunteers that make the results favorable in the legacy that this City is leaving for the future inhabitants.

And I was pleasantly surprised to see some younger volunteers there as well to promote good governing in our tiny but mighty town. Thank you all that make it possible to say with pride "I live in Sisters." Keep up the good work and keep setting a good example for those around you.

Linda Peck

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To the Editor:

I would advise all to review the book "George," authored by Alex Gino, for its content and appropriateness for 10- and 11-year-old students.

Please send comments and opinions to: curtiss.scholl@sisters.k12.or.us, SMS Principal alison.baglien@sisters.k12.or.us, or School Board Chair jeff.smith@sisters.k12.or.us.

The Sisters School District should not be including this book on suggested book report reading list for its 10- and 11-year-old students.

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