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OUR VIEW

Tip of the hat; kick in the pants

A tip of the hat to the Hermiston warming shelter, for working to stretch its current limits and be open nightly throughout the winter. The presence of a warming shelter, a safe and secure place for the area's homeless to sleep, is important for an area where options are thin and winter weather can be fatal.



The shelter's new location is at 1075 S. Highway 395, and can operate nightly through February, but volunteers are needed to help staff the expanded hours. To volunteer, first attend a training session Oct. 17 from 6-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church or Oct. 21 from 6-9 p.m. at the Crossroads Community Church in Stanfield.

And don't forget about the Pendleton warming station, either. Volunteers worthy of tips of the hat help keep it operational too. Orientations are scheduled for Oct. 22 at 9 a.m. and Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nazarene Church on Hailey Ave.

Those who attend, and follow through by volunteering their time, help save lives and make their communities better.

A tip of the hat to Bob Dylan, the first American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature since 1993, and the first "musician" to do so.

It's easy to find fans of Dylan in any group of writers, and our staff is no exception. Here are a few fawning words about a literary hero:

"Hurricane" is the first Bob Dylan song I remember hearing. This ballad of injustice with an amazing violin in the background fascinated me. So much better than all the Bee Gees disco that was popular then. — *Kathryn Brown, publisher*



Some protest songs only live as long as their movement, but "Subterranean Homesick Blues" is fit for any revolution. Through four rambling verses without a chorus, Dylan introduces a cast of frustrated, confused, suspecting and suspicious characters out of step from the mainstream. Favorite line: "You don't need a weather man to know which way the wind blows." — *Daniel Wattenburger, managing editor*

Ominous and drenched in Southern Gothic imagery, "The Man In The Long Black Coat" is Dylan's spooky reworking of Hank Williams' "Alone And Forsaken." Like many Dylan songs, its interpretation is ultimately left to the listener: Is it a tale of temptation and infidelity, an allegory on death, a statement on the inherently sinful nature of man? Perhaps all three. — *J.D. Kindle, entertainment columnist*

Dylan is the American of the 20th century, and that he's still having such an effect in the 21st is a tribute to his remarkable ability to reinvent himself and his art. His life's work has allowed poetry to find its way to more ears — and allowed more poets to make a living, provided they learn to play guitar. Listen to "Most Of The Time" for the Hemingway-esque mystery of things not said, or "When I Paint My Masterpiece" for the true yearnings of a real, if comic, artist. — *Tim Trainor, opinion page editor/deputy managing editor*

Bob Dylan is the reason my husband and I got together. While in college, John heard I had some Dylan albums and came to my house to see them. Then he married me and took my collection. A friend sang "Covenant Women" at our wedding. My signature column, "Inside my shoes," comes from lyrics near the end of "Positively 4th Street." Like Dylan, I have a bit of a sarcastic sense of humor. — *Tammy Malgesini, community editor*

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OTHER VIEWS



What Trump is right about

Amazingly, Donald Trump is right about something!

After recently being caught on a 2005 tape gloating about sexual assaults, Trump issued an unapologetic apology in which he focused on the "big difference" between words and actions. And he has a point.

But there's abundant evidence that Trump has indulged in not just scurrilous rhetoric, but also in heinous actions. Several more women have stepped forward to offer on-the-record accounts of having been aggressively groped or kissed by Trump against their will, right after he met them.

I also find entirely credible the allegations of Jill Harth, a former business partner of Trump's, that he assaulted her in 1992 and 1993. Equally credible is the assertion by a former Miss Utah that Trump inappropriately kissed beauty contestants on the lips.

Some Republicans have demanded laws to ban transgender women from entering women's restrooms or locker rooms, but instead they might focus on the risk of Trump doing this. He has boasted that he marched unannounced into changing rooms to ogle beauty pageant contestants naked, and a former contestant, Miss Arizona, Tasha Dixon, said he did just that as they were changing into bikinis. "Some girls were topless," she said. "Other girls were naked."

The pageant theme that year? Empowering women.

There's more. In Trump's 2005 tape, he referred in vulgar ways to a married woman, Nancy O'Dell, he had unsuccessfully pursued, but what's less known is that in 2007 he reportedly tried to have her fired from hosting the Miss USA Pageant. Why? Because she was pregnant.

Of course, as Trump acknowledged, words matter as well. On my blog, I posted an essay by a survivor of a home invasion and rape, Michelle Bowdler, who recounted that her attacker had said he wanted "some pussy" — and the moment he used that word, she felt that her life was in danger, that she "existed only as a thing."

What is dehumanizing is not necessarily dirty words as such, but rather the casual braggadocio by men that normalizes assault. One study of 16,000 comments on a website for fraternity men found that the most common body part mentioned was "ass," followed by "tits." Men posting on the site were 25 times as likely to refer to a woman's "ass" as to her "smile."

There's some evidence that hearing sexist language may be linked to greater tolerance of rape. And we have a national problem with sexual harassment: One large survey found that almost one-quarter of American women said they had been groped in public spaces.



NICHOLAS KRISTOF
Comment

So I'm delighted that at least one person, Billy Bush, is paying in a concrete way for the words in the Trump tape. Maybe this can be a wake-up call for us men to appreciate that sexist epithets are no more acceptable than racist epithets.

All that said, Trump is right to emphasize the importance of actions more than words: If we're outraged by vulgar words, shouldn't we be even more appalled by predatory actions?

And policies? Here the truth is that a Trump administration's policies might be less titillating than his words, but they would be far more dangerous.

Every year, 550,000 women in America require medical attention after an assault by a boyfriend or husband. That's an issue that is belatedly being addressed through screenings under Obamacare, which Trump wants to repeal, and by the Violence Against Women Act, which a large bloc of Republicans opposed in Congress. Trump's concern about such assaults seems dubious, and in fact both he and his campaign CEO, Steve Bannon, have been accused of domestic violence themselves.

Since he never held public office, Trump lacks a voting record. But his running mate has tended to look at what might help women and do the opposite, including voting against equal-pay legislation.

Mike Pence also signed a bizarre anti-abortion bill as Indiana's governor requiring burial or cremation even of tissue from an early miscarriage. That led women to form a Facebook group, Periods for Pence, and announce their periods, just in case they might be miscarriages.

At a time when 11 women a day die of cervical cancer, Trump and Pence have also been stalwart opponents of women's health programs that provide cancer screenings. They are motivated partly by hostility toward Planned Parenthood over abortions, but Pence, while a congressman, also sponsored legislation to defund Title X, the main federal family planning program. It does not pay for abortions but does help screen more than 750,000 women for cervical cancer a year.

New York magazine once quoted Trump as telling a friend about women, "you have to treat 'em like —" well, manure. But to me, his language pales beside his behavior and likely policies. So let's try to pivot from outrage at gross words to condemnation of unconscionable behavior and policies. On that sole point, that actions matter more than words, Trump is exactly, frighteningly right.

Nicholas Kristof grew up on a sheep and cherry farm in Yamhill. A columnist for The New York Times since 2001 he won the Pulitzer Prize two times, in 1990 and 2006.

YOUR VIEWS

Support Umatilla schools bond

I am writing in support of the Umatilla School District bond measure on the November ballot. This bond will allow the district to make needed improvements at all three schools in Umatilla — McNary Elementary, Clara Brownell Middle School and Umatilla High School.

The city of Umatilla is located at the confluence of the Umatilla and Columbia rivers, and is a natural transportation hub located near the river, the railroad and two interstate highways.

While our economic base has primarily been agricultural in the past, we are seeing more diversity these days due, in part, to our proximity to transportation.

Educating students in this busy area is the job of the Umatilla School District. The school district's purpose is to provide students with a top quality public education so that they may become successful, contributing citizens of the future — a goal shared by the Umatilla community as a whole.

The collaborative relationship between the district and the community are evident in the residents and businesses that support many programs and projects at our schools throughout the year.

Now, the Umatilla community has the opportunity to again support our school district by voting yes for the upcoming school bond on the November ballot. The school district is asking for \$10.5 million to fund important capital improvements at all three district schools.

If the bond passes, the district will receive an additional \$4 million from the state, for a total of \$14.5 million. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to pay \$10.5 million, but receive \$14.5 million for district projects. We don't know if or when this chance will come up again from the state.

The proposed bond will not increase taxes for Umatilla citizens; the new bonds are estimated to continue the same tax rate of the current bonds, for a longer period of time.

The city of Umatilla is proud to be an ongoing partner with the Umatilla School District in the education of Umatilla's students.

I encourage the Umatilla community to vote yes on this school bond — to protect our students, to protect our educational investments and send a clear message that the Umatilla community is dedicated to quality education.

Dave Trott,
mayor, Umatilla

Ignore accusations, focus on the issues

It's been an active week for politics!

A morally disgusting 11-year-old tape of Trump surfaces; now other allegations arise. The email dump exposes that Clinton wants open borders and supports the banking industry. The second presidential debate was the first time in either Clinton political career where they were nationally called on the carpet for their abuse and smearing and ruining the lives of women. Then collusion between the Clinton campaign and several big news agencies, the White House, the FBI, and the Justice Dept. are found in the email dump.

The Democrats are being self-righteous about the "locker room" talk tape. They are proud to promote options in moral behavior and take large sums of money from Hollywood where one morally degenerate movie is made after another.

This is extreme hypocrisy. They are the party of Bill Clinton, Ted Kennedy and John F. Kennedy, extreme philanderers and, at times, sexual predators.

Obviously, neither Clinton nor Trump is a perfect candidate. So it comes down to issues, leadership, and who will choose Supreme Court justices.

Washington, D.C., needs a good shakeup.

An incomplete list of what needs to be fixed includes: disrespect for law and order, laws and common sense not used with the illegal alien situation, forests mismanaged resulting in loss of homes and livelihoods, the Obamacare fiasco, terrorism spreading, disrespect for religious freedom, reduced freedom of speech (political correctness), extreme carbon related regulations stifling jobs and the economy, regulations diminishing business opportunities and jobs, a mentality of dependency as opposed to individual responsibility and potential, and an unconscionable national debt.

These are all issues Clinton will carry on as the status quo or worse. Trump has solid plans laid out to address these issues and make significant improvements. Trump will nominate Supreme Court justices that will uphold the Constitution as it was intended.

You may say, "I can't vote for either one. They are just awful." But one of them is going to be President of the United States and make decisions that affect you. If you don't vote or vote by writing in a moral and honest person, you are letting others decide between these vastly different candidates.

No doubt more will come out before the election to try to hijack

the voters with distractions instead of focusing on the issues. I just say "Let 'er Buck," and hang onto those issues.

Garnet Olson
Pendleton

Re-elect Rowan for county sheriff

I am writing to express my support for the re-election of Terry Rowan as sheriff of Umatilla County.

I have known Terry for about 25 years and have always found him to be concerned, but balanced, in his approach to law enforcement. He has good ideas and has the skills to be an effective people manager, which helps him accomplish his goals.

The sheriff's department looks a lot different than it did four years ago. Patrol time is up, as is the utilization of the jail. To me, that means a safer county.

His peers evidently agree. The Oregon Sheriff's Association elected him "Commander of the Year." So do his fellow sheriff's department employees — their bargaining unit voted to endorse his re-election.

Keep up the great work Terry! Please join me in voting for Rowan for sheriff.

Tim Mabry
Hermiston