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Philip Roth: a generation’s voice

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NEW YORK — In the self-imposed retirement of his final years, Philip Roth remained curious and removed from the world he had shocked and had shocked him in return.

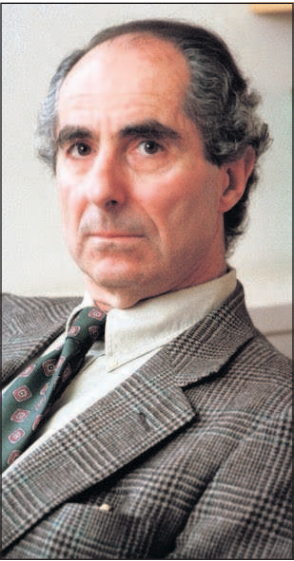
He praised younger authors such as Ta-Nehisi Coates and Teju Cole, and confided that he had read “Born to Run,” the memoir by another New Jersey giant, Bruce Springsteen. He followed with horror the rise of Donald Trump and found himself reliving the imagined horrors of his novel “The Plot Against America,” in which the country succumbs to the fascist reign of President Charles Lindbergh.

But Roth, who died Tuesday at age 85, was also a voice — a defining one — of a generation nearing its end. He was among the last major writers raised without television, who ignored social media and believed in engaging readers through his work alone and not the alleged charms or virtues of his private self. He was safely outside Holden Caulfield’s fantasy that a favorite author could be “a terrific friend of yours and you could call him up on the phone whenever you felt like it.” He didn’t celebrate romantic love or military heroism or even consider the chance for heavenly justice.

The meaning of life, he once said, paraphrasing his idol Franz Kafka, is that it stops.

“Life’s most disturbing intensity is death,” he wrote in his novel “Everyman,” published in 2006.

Best known for works ranging from the wild and ribald “Portnoy’s Complaint” to the elegiac “American Pastoral,” Roth was among the greatest writers never to win the Nobel Prize. And he died, with dark and comic timing, in the year that the prize committee called off the award as it contended with a #MeToo scandal. He also died just min-



AP Photo, File

American author Philip Roth is seen in 1993 in New York. Roth, a prize-winning novelist and fearless narrator of sex, death, assimilation and fate, died Tuesday at 85.

utes after the book world had concluded the annual Pen America gala in Manhattan and on the eve of another literary tradition — Wednesday’s annual induction ceremony at the American Academy of Arts and Letters, which voted Roth in more than 40 years ago.

“No other writer has meant as much to me,” Jeffrey Eugenides, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist and a new academy inductee, wrote in an email Wednesday to The Associated Press. “No other American writer’s work have I read so obsessively, year after year.”

Roth’s novels were often narratives of lust, mortality, fate and Jewish assimilation. He identified himself as an American writer, not a Jewish one, but for Roth, the American experience and the Jewish experience were often the same. While predecessors such as Saul Bellow and Bernard Malamud wrote of the Jews’ painful adjustment from immigrant life, Roth’s characters represented the next generation.

He was a fierce satirist and uncompromising realist, committed to the narration of “life, in all its shameless impurity.”

OBITUARIES

C. Michael ‘Mike’ McLaughlin

Mesa, Ariz.
January 28, 1935 - May 22, 2018

C. Michael “Mike” McLaughlin, 83, formerly of Pendleton, Ore., died Thursday, May 22, 2018, in Mesa, Ariz.

Mike was born January 28, 1935, to Cornelius and Mary (Doherty) McLaughlin in Heppner, Oregon. Mike went to country school, Heppner Grade School, Lexington Junior High and St. Joseph Academy in Pendleton, Ore., where he graduated from high school in 1953.

He started his career with Pacific Northwest Bell right after high school as a lineman for the company and progressed to supervisor of the local district. He joined the Army in 1957, served two years, was honorably discharged and went back to work for Pacific NW Bell. Mike married Mary Lou Alexander in 1959.

After his retirement he continued to lead an active life by taking a leadership role with the St. Mary’s Outreach Food Bank. He enjoyed hunting with his brothers and son every year on the family ranch. Mike was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and a life-

time member of the Pendleton Elks Lodge.

He was a soft-spoken man of few words but with a gentle and engaging sense of humor. He was honest and loyal and hard-working.

He is survived by his daughter Jacque Kurz and son David McLaughlin; beloved grandchildren Sunny Vogt, Nic Edinger, Jessica Ponce-McLaughlin and Jacque McLaughlin; treasured great-grandchildren Collin, Ryley, Braedy, Jordan and Morgan; and two brothers, Bob and Terry.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Mary Lou; his parents; brothers Dan, Jack, Jim, Hugh, Joe and Herb; and sisters Kathryn, Nonie, Virginia and Sally.

A funeral service will be held at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton on Friday, June 1, 2018, at 10 a.m. followed by a graveside service at Olney Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. Mary’s Outreach, 440 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801 in his honor, or to a charity of choice.



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DEATH NOTICES

Janet Marie Miller
Hermiston
June 6, 1947 - May 22, 2018

Janet Marie Miller, 70, of Hermiston died Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in Hermiston. She was born June 6, 1947, in Washington, D.C. A gathering of family and friends is planned Saturday, May 26 at 2 p.m. at the Porter House, 731 E. Main St., Hermiston. Leave an online condolence for the family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, MAY 26
HOUSDEN, LARRY — Memorial service at 1 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, 2260 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston.
MILLER, JANET — Gathering of friends and family at 2 p.m. at the Porter House, 731 E. Main St., Hermiston.
MONTEE, BRADLEY — Celebration gathering at 1 p.m. at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds Let’er Buck Room, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton.

SUNDAY, MAY 27
COLLATT, MARGARET — Celebration of life at 3 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Community Center, Mt. Vernon, Ore.
KRANTZ, MILT — Memorial services at 3:30 p.m. at the Blue Mountain Valley Mission SDA Church, 78600 First St., Athena.
MILLER, ANITA — Memorial service at 1:30 p.m. at Skyview Memorial Park, 70116 S. Highway 395, Pendleton. Fellowship will follow at Ellis Hunting Ranch, 68685 Shaw Road, Pilot Rock. Bring a lawn chair if desired.

MONDAY, MAY 28
No services scheduled

TUESDAY, MAY 29
No services scheduled

OBITUARY POLICY

The East Oregonian publishes paid obituaries. The obituary can include small photos and, for veterans, a flag symbol at no charge. Obituaries may be edited for spelling, proper punctuation and style. Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SATURDAY, MAY 26
OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Coffee is provided. (Ed 541-207-2548)
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.
OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., United Church of Christ, 114 S. East St., Condon. (800-410-5953)
VISION FOR YOU OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 420 S.W. Locust Road, Boardman. (Pat 541-215-2342 or 503-752-7459)
OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (Bicky Hecker 541-571-0121)
HEPPNER MIRACLES OPEN AA MEETING, 8 p.m., St. Patrick’s Catholic Church parish hall, 525 N. Gale St., Heppner. (800-410-5953)

SUNDAY, MAY 27
HUNGRY SPIRIT OPEN AA MEETING, 8:30 a.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton. (800-410-5953)
HARPER ROAD AL-ANON, 10-11 a.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Suite 2, Hermiston.
OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Coffee is provided. (Ed 541-207-2548)
OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, 73265 Confederated Way, Mission. (800-410-5953)
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.
OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
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MONDAY, MAY 28
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 10:30 a.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.
AA BIG BOOK STUDY, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton. Coffee is provided. (Ed 541-207-2548)
AL-ANON, 5:30-7 p.m., St. John’s Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Book study 5:30-6 p.m., meeting 6-7 p.m.
ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP, 5:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Pavilion room M1, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. For families and support members of people with dementia diagnoses. (Cathy Lloyd 458-206-6337)
ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP, 5:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference room across from cafeteria, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Support, education and discussion of problem-solving techniques. All family, friends and caregivers for people with dementia welcome. (Cathy Lloyd or Tom Moore 458-206-6337 or 541-571-1363)
AA BIG BOOK STUDY, 6 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)
HOPE FOR HEALING SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Office Plaza meeting room, 620 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Ongoing bereavement support group dealing with loss and grief issues. (541-667-3543)
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.
OPEN AA MEETING, 6:30 p.m., Echo Community Methodist Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. (541-571-6257 or 800-410-5953)
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 S.W. Sixth Ave., Milton-Freewater.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (Bicky Hecker 541-571-0121)

TUESDAY, MAY 29
TOPS CHAPTER OR 1110, 8 a.m., Missionary Baptist Church, 125 E. Beech St., Hermiston. 8 a.m. weigh-in followed by meeting at 8:45 a.m. (Margaret Wetherling 541-720-0276)

Birthday party, raffle to raise funds for guest speaker

PENDLETON — A birthday party celebration at Sisters Cafe in Pendleton will also serve as a fundraiser to bring a speaker to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Sisters Willa Wallace, Kola Thompson and Tania Wildbill are holding a Sisters at Sisters party and fundraiser Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. at the cafe, 308 S. Main St., with music provided by DJ Whispr. Ten percent of all food and drink sales will be donated as part of a fundraising effort to bring Ashley Callingbull, former 2015 Mrs. Universe, to Mission June 1-2 as a guest speaker for students and community members.

The sisters are also selling raffle tickets through their nonprofit Enough Iz Enough for an extensive package of prizes including gift cards for local businesses, concert tickets, memberships to the Roundup Athletic Club and Wellness Wave, and more. Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$25 each and can be purchased by calling Willa at 541-429-0593; Kola at 541-969-0991; or Jazz Halfmoon at 541-310-8633.

The winning ticket will be chosen during the birthday celebration, with the drawing broadcast live on Facebook.

P.E.O. announces golf tourney

MILTON-FREEWATER — People are invited to tee off to help raise money for scholarships presented by P.E.O.

In its seventh year, the benefit golf tournament is Saturday at the Milton-Freewater Golf Course. The entry fee is \$50, which includes green fees and lunch. Also, additional lunch tickets are available for \$10. The event includes raffles, games and prizes. Also, there will be a contest for the longest putt, closest to the pin and the shortest drive.

The entry deadline is Thursday. There will be a limited number of golf cart rentals, so reservations are needed. For more information or to register, call George Gillette at 541-938-7284 or stop by the golf course’s pro shop.

P.E.O. is a women’s philanthropic organization that celebrates the advancement of women and supports efforts to help provide educational opportunities for women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College. Members strive to motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations. In the last 11 years, local P.E.O. chapters have provided more than \$95,000 in grants/scholarships for local women in the community.

For more information, contact Gail Beeson, Chapter AP PEO publicity chair, at 541-938-6142 or sunriversgail@msn.com.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 28
Holiday may cancel meetings; call before attending
NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School, 73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)
CASON’S PLACE CHILDREN AND FAMILY GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER BOARD, 6 p.m., Cason’s Place, 1416 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. All those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. (Matt Terjeson 503-720-1620)
UMATILLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Michael T. Ward 541-276-2190)
MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Al-bee Room, 8 S.W. Elghth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)
IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

TUESDAY, MAY 29
MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)
HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 30-JUNE 1
No meetings scheduled

LOTTERY	
Thursday, May 24, 2018	4 p.m.: 6-1-1-1 7 p.m.: 5-6-1-8 10 p.m.: 2-0-9-8
Lucky Lines 01-07-10-13-FREE-20-23-28-31 Estimated jackpot: \$26,000 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 8-1-9-4	Friday, May 25, 2018 Pick 4 1 p.m.: 4-9-4-6

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We are open from 7:30am - 4:30pm M-Th

WHAT IS DSAC?

DSAC is a group of local volunteers who give advice, educate and advocate on issues that are important to people with disabilities. A majority of volunteers are people with disabilities, but all are advocates.

WHAT DOES DSAC DO?

The council reviews policies, quality of services, and issues pertaining to the Americans with Disabilities Act. We advise the local offices of DHS Aging and People with Disabilities as well as other state & local agencies.

To Volunteer or For More Information:
Contact the local Pendleton/Hermiston DHS APD DSAC Liaison

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