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Current pendulum swing targeting sexual harassment is wide — and necessary



metronome rhythmically slicing away at our culture. I have honestly found myself shocked at not only the depth of pervasiveness sexual harassment has been allowed to take root, but also by the array of individuals who have been eager participants in cultivating my own oblivion to the depth of this issue. It has caused me to re-examine where I may have unwittingly been complacent in recognizing or addressing inappropriateness in the past — and whether I had overlooked opportunities to uproot misconduct that may frayed fabric of our culture, I can say with equal conviction that the thought of sending anyone to — or supporting anyone within — our nation's capitol who is suspected of sexual harassment or pedophilia turns my stomach. Particularly if the primary reason boils down to partisanship.

From the Editor's Desk
 NED HICKSON

Ultimately, ignoring sexual misconduct is its own kind of partisanship, whether it happens within Hollywood offices, corporate boardrooms or Congressional hallways. Until we are willing to accept that, the pendulum will need to keep swinging. Write Siuslaw News editor Ned Hickson at nhickson@thesiuslawnews.com or P.O. Box 10, Florence, Ore. 97439.

Admittedly, part of the stinging sensation resonating most has been realizing this vast landscape of misconduct and deception. And while some argue that the accusatory atmosphere we are experiencing is too extreme, I see it as an equal and opposite reaction to decades of fundamental wrong within our culture. Admittedly, part of the stinging sensation resonating most has been realizing

As I sat at my desk listening to Monday's edition of NPR's "On Point" news program, I learned that its highly respected award-winning host of 16 years, Tom Ashbrook, had become the latest to be accused of sexual harassment. The stinging sensation I had felt following allegations of inappropriate behavior a week earlier by a personal hero, Garrison Keillor, had barely begun to subside. There's no telling who next will be caught up in this wide — but necessary — pendulum arc which, until now, had been a whisper-quiet and sharp-edged

have been growing within my own landscape. By the time you read this, the Alabama Senate race will likely have been decided. As an Independent voter, I can say with conviction that I don't care for either Roy Moore or Doug Jones. But as an American concerned with the heavily

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