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Don't Read My Column!

If you don't like Brussels sprouts, don't eat them.

This essay is inspired by the recent spate of letters to the editor, ranging from critical to venomous, and culminating in the truly shameful and unjustified charge of racism against my colleague Chris Panton who also writes under the Republican Perspective banner.

Beginning in February 2011 and ending in December 2013, Steve Nieman and I wrote a series of five articles concerning the national debt. The articles included graphs illustrating the growth of the debt. We sought to persuade readers that the growing debt is a problem worthy of their concern.

Then in February 2012, Democrat Club President Gary Hansen and I wrote side-by-side articles suggesting that those of us on opposite ends of the political spectrum ought to be civil to each other despite our differences. Again, the objective was to persuade others to our let's-all-get-along point of view.

Except for the effort to persuade readers to be concerned with the debt, and the side-by-side to advocate peace in the valley, I do not try to persuade readers to my point of view. We're all old enough to be pretty fixed in our political views, and we're likely not susceptible to conversion by a cleverly constructed essay.

So if not to persuade, why do I write? Easy-peasy: to entertain. I do this to entertain those of my own political persuasion, or who are middle-of-the-roaders, or even some on the opposite shore. Believe it or not, some on the Left Bank tell me they enjoy my essays!

So I point out the absurdities, ironies, contradictions and assorted other vulnerabilities in the statements and actions of politicians, celebrities and media personalities of the Left.

A lady I encountered at Gateway recognized me and asked if I was the one who wrote "those columns." She was decked out in her full 1960s kit, from her au-naturelle hair right down to her Birkenstocks. She let me know how much she didn't like my offerings.

You can berate me in a toxic letter to the editor or lambaste me directly by email, but I don't respond.

So here's my free advice. If you're looking for a political debate, don't read my column. I'm not trying to convince you of anything. Life is too short to spend it arguing. If you're looking to take offense, save your time and be kind to your blood pressure. Nota bene: My column is not for you.

If you're interested in being entertained, then read my offerings. I'll do my best.

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