

Yankee Steve's Column
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To the readers of Oldlineconservative.com

I have never doubted the importance of letter writing. It gets your attention better than anything that could be sent you by electronic means. What is true for us is also true of others, especially those in the media and government who I believe should be hearing from us.

E-mails and Twitter are quicker than the mails but not nearly as effective. I can just imagine that thousands of e-mails are never read. The few letters received probably stand a better chance. It is easier to dismiss and delete an e-mail than a letter.

In England, where I attended college, a hand-written letter carries a lot more weight than something typed. In America, however we do not distinguish between the two. So you can click on "print" and not have to worry if your letter will be thought of as impersonal.

A letter communicates the idea that a real live, thinking person believes that the subject in hand is important. A letter lets certain parties know that that they will have to consider your opinion alongside that of others. Every American conservative should write letters to the media and the government on a regular basis. These letters should be kept to about 300 words, they should be grammatically correct, and they will make an impact if the pulsate with feeling.

Please read two of my recent letters below.

Letters are among the most significant memorial a person can leave behind them.
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe [1749-1832]

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Letters to the Editor
USA TODAY

David Letterman makes a good living by saying a lot bad things about very good people. Governor Sarah Palin is just one of many. Of course there is an explanation for this rude and unseemly behavior which in Letterman's case is characteristic.

The Late Show comic lacks any discernable talent. That being said Letterman has to continually resort to using ridicule in order to get laughs, a thing which appeals to

juvenile minds. Case in point: the other night he suggested that amorous Alex Rodriguez of the New York Yankees had knocked up one of Palin's daughters. The reference was seen for what it was; Letterman, like his rival Jay Leno, will do anything or go anywhere in order to get a laugh. However, this time Letterman wandered off to that place where dirty old men try to relive the former days by fantasizing about teenage girls. He has denied wanting to titillate senior citizens, but his disavowal sounds empty. I would venture a comment. Lurking behind Letterman's sophomoric approach to comedy is a misogynist. He is a throw-back to the Las Vegas rat pack who use to refer to women as "broad," who chafe when they see a woman like Palin, at once beautiful but not accessible.

Letterman insists that he was referring to Palin's 18-year and not her 14 year-old. Does it make any difference? What he cannot deny is that he is incapable of sincere regret. The two apologies he has offered just don't ring true and have been issued only because of public outrage.

In the name of late night comedy you can joke about anyone, whether in good taste or not, especially if you dislike the offended party. Letterman has for sometime now displayed what appears to be a personal dislike of the Governor.

Since the Alaska governor represents for many of us achievement, decency, and patriotism, this says much about Letterman. Frankly, I think he deserves a punch in the nose. I volunteer.

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Dear Mr. Chadwick:

It is not everyday that I read a book that I truly enjoy, but such was the case when I read *Triumvirate: The story of the unlikely alliance that saved the Constitution and united the nation*. Thank you very much.

However, there is one notation in the book that got my particular attention. As a matter of fact I sat up straight in my reading chair. I should tell you that while getting my attention, it also got my goat.

I am referring to a quote of New Deal historian and utopian Charles Beard. I am sure that you know that his work has been largely discredited, and that men like Beard, whether past or present, have looked at history through a lens crafted for them by the Communards of the Paris Commune. If they could, they would blend America in with the other nations of the world.

The quote in question was another instance of the way in which propagandists and utopians try to use American Federalism as a template for a one-world government. The quote [footnote 194, p.88] which I am objecting to calls for a “federal union of nations . . .” which Beard says provides us with “the one assurance of perpetual peace.” I hope that in future editions of *Triumvirate* this quote will be deleted.

Respectfully,

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