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The Opinion Exchange pages published Monday through Saturday opposite the Editorial page and are often referred to in shorthand as the “OpEx” pages. The pages include a mix of local and national writing. All writing appearing on this section has undergone three rounds of editorial evaluation, finding syndicated national columnists such as Ann-Marie Sacco and David Brooks. This page also offers local women writers, including public officials, reporters, newsmakers and thoughtful readers. If you're interested in submitting a commentary, consider these guidelines:

1. Is the topic relevant to readers?
2. Is the topic timely?
3. Will your commentary add a new perspective or merely rehash what has already been said?
4. Do you have expertise in the topic area? This adds credibility, but it’s not mandatory; experts don’t have a monopoly on insight.
5. Is the writing clear and efficient and within our word limitation? (There's only so much editing we can reasonably do.)
6. Is the commentary engaging?
7. Does the submission offer a clear point of view? Is it plausible?
8. Is the argument presented logically sound?
9. Does the commentary avoid hyperbole and flip-flop? (No exaggerations, no red herrings, no ad hominem attacks.)
10. If outside material or data are being presented, are they appropriately sourced? Do any names cited add up correctly?

TO SUBMIT A COMMENTARY: We welcome commentaries from readers. Submissions should be no more than 700 words. They must be exclusive to the Star Tribune. All must include the author's real, legal name. Rebuttals to other articles are encouraged and local commentaries should avoid hyperbole and fallacious reasoning. Submission implies permission for the Star Tribune to republish the submission in print and online. To submit a commentary online: topicalpages.com/sb/submit-commentary. E-mail: opinion@startribune.com

Sunday Opinion Exchange

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No smoking guns, but plenty of rubber bullets

With the resignation of a special prosecutor, the Clinton Foundation has been cleared of wrongdoing. Here are the highlights of the investigation:

1. The Clinton Foundation had never come into existence.
2. In the Clintons' world, as in that of many politicians, the line between present role and past (or future) utility is blurred.
3. Did Hillary Clinton have “time to spare”? All those advisory bodies, all those fundraising functions, all those paid speeches.
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Tips for women's safety

Try these instead…

1. Carry a rape whistle. If you find that you are about to stop you, ask for the whistle. Your attacker may not be able to stop.
2. Joggers in New York City should carry whistles.
3. Wear a whistle when there is broad, bipartisan agreement.
4. Ask your local police department if they have a rape whistle program.
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