

OPINION

Honking is hateful

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In a world of increasing road rage and impatient drivers, can we still give the horn a little tippet-tat without someone flying off the handle?

Let me give you an example.

I was waiting to turn at a light and it turned green and the car in front was still a no go.

After a few seconds I honked and they did a u-turn and of course I missed the light.

I turned to glance at the woman and she was flipping me off while giving me the evil eye!

I started laughing because it was completely unexpected.

I should've been the one pissed off by missing the light.

Why do we get so mad and embarrassed when someone honks at us?

Then there are those who never use their horn. My friend is one of those

precious few.

One day we were merging onto the interstate and we had this complete idiot in front of moving slowly.

Once onto the interstate, he swerves into the left lane cutting off an eighteen wheeler who in turn flashes his lights at him.

The fool panics and whips back into the right lane, which now had a SUV in it.

The SUV had to swerve onto the shoulder to avoid hitting him and that's when I leaned across the seat and honked the horn.

My friend got mad asking me why are you honking the horn? If anyone should be honking it would be the eighteen wheeler or the SUV, he said.

Well, the eighteen wheeler was trying not to rear-end the stupid person and the SUV had no time as he was whipping onto the shoulder.

So alas it fell into my hands to the honking for others who had response time to do so.

After that I realized that there is no polite way of honking because any way you look at it, you are letting the other driver know that you think they are inept.



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Work on the Noble C. Caudill hall is now underway as construction crews began to tear down walls that will have to be repaired before the building can be reconstructed. Some estimates have the building being ready for classes by the beginning of the calendar year.

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YOUR THOUGHTS

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What are your thoughts on the controversy surrounding the artwork by Sara La?



Shane Burks, 21, Greenbrier

"We all have bodies. When God made the human being he said it was good. Sex is natural, so what's the problem?"



Lacy Kieth, 18, Westmoreland

"I do not find it offensive at all, you're supposed to be focusing on the lotus shoes, not the nudity."



Abraham Pottenger, 20, Hendersonville

"This is a higher learning facility, not kindergarten. If people are offended by those paintings, tough. They can always go to a private institution."



Cory Staton, 19, Greenbrier

"Offensive? No not at all. I see it as art, the way the artist intended."