

## **How Does It Feel? Like a Rolling Stone--Happy Anniversary, Campaign Songs, Bad Boys, and Bad Hair: Michael's Rock and Roll Posse**

As I wrote you recently, I have decided that I will not attend any more Dylan concerts, but that is not the same as saying I will not listen to him. In fact, I listen to a different Dylan album every few days, and my Amazon.com and other purchases show I am addicted to him. In the spirit of this homage, I pass on this RS story on him, recognizing today's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his recording "Like a Rolling Stone." Not only has RS anointed it as the greatest rock song, but listening to it shows just how extraordinary it was and is. I bought it as a 45 single at the Santa Fe Plaza Woolworth's, and played it until other seminarians made me stop when I placed it on default in the jukebox at IHM Seminary. How does it feel?

<http://www.rollingstone.com/music/news/bob-dylan-recorded-like-a-rolling-stone-50-years-ago-today-20150616>

I also appreciate those of you who wrote to ask about the SCOTUS decision in *Elonis*, the rap lyric case. I had predicted it would turn out as it did (his conviction was overturned and the case was remanded to require a higher standard than the lower negligence review). But it is not over, and he has been a bad boy even as this was moving along the chute to the Court:

<http://www.mcall.com/news/breaking/mc-facebook-threats-supreme-court-elonis-arrest-20150428-story.html>

I will have some new material, both for my radio show and for my Posse when I attend a Steely Dan/Elvis Costello event, and a Damien Rice concert when we return to Houston in August. For those of you who—inexplicably—have lost the memo, here is how you can access the show: **You can tune into KANW online by going the national URL, online any Friday morning at the same time, adjusted to your time zone: <http://tunein.com/radio/KANW-891-s31454/> (just come on a few minutes before the show begins in your time zone). It is on every Friday, 8:20 am Mountain Time Zone), 89.1 FM.**

Also, one of the most recent shows was about the use of rock and roll songs in election campaigns. Lest you think that Neil Young is the first such artist to complain, as he did when Donald Trump used a song, listen to my show and watch this unbelievable result of a settlement involving Governor Crist and Talking Heads' David Byrne:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4k13LmlcUE>. Who could make this stuff up? And where do I get Trump to apologize for badmouthing all Mexicans? I am praying he stays in the campaign. It would test the efficacy of prayer if I asked that he win the nomination, so I ask other rockers not to complain if he (mis)appropriates their music.

And RIP, Ornette Coleman, 1930-2015.

Until then, best wishes to all of you loyal readers,

Michael