
YOUR LETTERS

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Welcome to California sign

We saw the sign at California's border with Nevada on our way back from Las Vegas yesterday. It said "Welcome to California. OFFICIAL SANCTUARY STATE. Felons, Illegals, and MS13 Welcome! Democrats need the vote."

I want to confess and take responsibility for this sign. Any others who would like to do the same, please form a line.

Lon E. Jacobs, Apple Valley

Better gas tax really

Something better than the gas tax! I read your article and came away from it with this:

1. Fuel efficient cars don't meet the taxes. (Let's not look at the heavy metals they leave or the footprint that is far bigger pollution wise than existing vehicles);
2. We need roads, good point;
3. Road charter programs, pay by the mile, good choice!
4. Federal funding for toll roads. Isn't that a contradiction in terms, paid by the people, all the people to charge individuals, who does that work?
5. Intrusive in-car devices, ya that's nice;
6. Back to in-car devices, you're breaking the ice;
7. The point that Californians have a "mystique," that driving is enjoyable, so let go for a ride. That's bad because we're driving, how is that bad? Oh, I forgot we're screaming liberals and we can't live with CO2 emissions.

You know there is a story about a frog in a pan of water, the water is room temperature. If you put it, the frog and the pan of water on the stove and light the fire under it and raise the temp slightly but keep increasing it the frog will not jump out. He

will stay in it until the water is boiling and he has passed away. This article is the frog in the pan.

Mark Stowe, Apple Valley

Slap it down

Swatters to the ready, we need to slap this "Bearden" down, like a disruptive gnat. The region needs leaders like Joseph Brady, who volunteer countless hours per week to make the region a better place for us to live in.

Joe, remember this quote by President Teddy Roosevelt: "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

The expletive deleted that come forward like this Bearden need to move on or run for office.

Tom Pinard, VVJUHS '77-'81, VVCCD '81-'89, Wrightwood

Media conspiracy

The media effort to connect President Trump to Russian wrongdoing must not be underestimated by voters. The 2018 elections are not far from now. Since the beginning, Trump's leadership has been questioned. The Russian-Trump conspiracy works to regain the Senate for the Democratic party.

The goal of the Russian-Trump investigation values the future 2018 election. Voting does not require showing hard evidence. This is the genius of the media investigation. Voters must not be required to produce evidence to the government, merely to cast a vote.

The media wins. The media investigation is protected by the United States Constitution. The secular form of justice rests on a well educated voting people at the ballot box.

The Russian-Trump investigation is similar to a bad marriage. Except for a private investigator, no one can prove cheating in marriage. Nevertheless, there might be clues. Feelings arise in the bad marriage. The feelings might be real. The feelings might be in error. Similar to a bad marriage, the media investigation needs only to convince the emotions of the voters to elect a Democratic senate in 2018.

Obviously, a solution to the media bombardment does not exist. A partial solution would be for voters to ignore the media bombardment in 2018. Again, a secular solution rests on a fully informed and educated American people.

I feel the Trump-Russia media issue is about higher standards and the 2018 elections. In theory, Democrats should be held to the same standards as Republicans. Statesmen must not be expected to become divine little kings. Divine little kings might one day produce a grand king to rule over the American people.

Michael Cooke, Hinkley

Political parties

I'll make this real simple. There is a Democrat Party and a Republican Party. They both exist within a Democracy.

When members of either party vote they are participating in the "Democratic" process. Thus, both parties are "Democratic" in the true meaning. Enough said?

Allen Hawley, Apple Valley



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