
YOUR LETTERS: 10-16-2018

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Democrats at war

How can the Democrats be weaponizing the IRS when the Republicans control all three branches of the Federal Government? Did Dinesh D'Souza make this claim before or after he pleaded guilty to making illegal campaign contributions to a Republican Senate candidate?

How can "they" have Deep State operatives in the FBI and the DOJ when the Deep State is complete fiction, just another big lie created by Fox "News" and the Republicans to dupe lame-brained conspiracy whackos who cannot accept that Hillary Clinton didn't do the things they've been told she did?

It was the Electoral College that overturned the results of the vote when the American People chose Hillary Clinton as president, violating their centuries old mandate to assure that the person they made president was "to an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications" and "free of cabal, intrigue and corruption" (The Federalist Papers #68). Donald Trump is neither.

It is the Republicans that have weaponized the #MeToo movement by smearing and slandering a credible woman with a credible accusation who had spoken of the attack to a therapist in 2012 and passed a polygraph test regarding the matter and claiming she was lying while providing no evidence whatsoever to support this allegation.

Robin Carstairs, Lucerne Valley

Jeremiah Brosowski for Council

Even before Jeremiah Brosowske was sworn in as Hesperia Councilman to replace the recently deceased Councilman Russ Blewett, the rumors and lies against Jeremiah flowed like a Artesian well. Terrible things have been said to smear his name by a well known developer and some of his flock. I remember at

the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors getting to know Jeremiah and anyone who knows him will say he is honest, smart and hard working and that may explain why he became Victor Valley College student body president among other qualifications.

His interest is first for the people, not special interests.

E.T. Snell, Newberry Springs

Vote

In a way folks, we only need to subscribe to this page of the paper to know the left or right or I don't care thoughts on situations in our county, country or community. You can get a pretty good idea on the mess we're in from just this one page. The other side then adds how pot in every home will make everyone warm, fuzzy and mindless and you again reduce the number of readers. This leaves the "I don't care" bunch who do not turn on the radio or TV and don't buy a paper. There you have the whole mess described in just a few lines.

We're informed to the extent that we choose for ourselves and we extract from the garbage that which we believe is digestible. This page is filled with opinions and we should not lose sight of that. The problem is we seem to have a broad base media that operates on opinions only as well. So we the people struggle as to just where are the facts to guide us, or do we subscribe to opinions and let it go at that?

I haven't reached the "I don't care" level, but I am skeptical of print and voice folks who promote their version as being the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Yup folks we will all make our own decisions on people and matters come November. Until then, it just might be time to find a "no service" area and fish, sleep or swim and come home just in time to go to the polls.

Vote folks, this page will need new fodder for opinions after election day.

See you at the polls.

Ron Paddack, Barstow

Local November elections

The local elections this November are crowded with candidates striving to receive our votes. We need to get to know these candidates and their views. There are some guidelines we should establish before we mark our ballots.

The first and foremost item on the list is get to know the candidate personally. Talk to them and ask them questions about issues important to you.

Do not rely on roadside and yard signs as popularity indicators. Most of the time it just indicates the amount of money available for the campaign.

Find out how involved the candidate is throughout the year, not just at election time. How many town or city council meetings and events have they attended? Some have never been seen at any of these meetings or events.

Never take campaign literature at face value. Some of the statements border on the edges of fiction. Remember Mark Twain said, "There are lies, damned lies and statistics."

The last guideline is: Do we want the status quo, or do we want some things to change?

Most importantly, vote!

Richard Rorex, Apple Valley

Barstow trustee endorsements

As Clerk and Trustee at Victor Valley Community College District, I have had the opportunity and privilege of working with two gentlemen from Barstow Community College, Mr. Tim Heiden and Mr. Fred Baca, both of whom are running for re-election to the Barstow Community College Board of Trustees.

Both of these exceptional individuals have devoted a tremendous amount of their time, energy, expertise, etc., to furthering the educational advancement of Barstow Community College students. They have played an integral role in a joint effort between the Victor Valley Community College District and Barstow Community College District boards, which met for the first time nearly three years ago to engage in dialogue concerning how we can all work together to improve education in the High Desert region.

These individuals have passion and truly care about Barstow, Barstow Community College, and the educational opportunities available to their students. I strongly encourage the voters within the Barstow Community College District to re-elect Mr. Fred Baca and Mr. Tim Heiden on Nov. 6.

Joseph W. Brady, Trustee, Victor Valley Community College District