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## **YOUR LETTERS: 4-5-2018**

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### **Orange County's homeless**

Great article by Mr. Lovingood in Wednesday's Daily Press. We could provide Mr. Spitzer (the Orange County Supervisor) with busloads of our homeless so they could benefit from "where good hard-working citizens of California are trying to raise their families and pay taxes and just enjoy a quality of life."

I'm sure the homeless would be willing to go.

Mr. Spitzer should take the opportunity to reap the benefits of the largest county in the US and apply those insights to his county. The thought of him wanting to do this is shameful.

### **Gregory Charles, Victorville**

#### **News agencies' priorities**

While perusing various news feeds on my phone last week it occurred to me that some of our leading news agencies may need to reexamine their priorities concerning the magnitude of coverage they give different stories. From my perspective it often seems as though political agendas, rather than actual importance, are increasingly dictating the degree of prominence that certain stories are assigned by many national news outlets.

Last Tuesday, in search of updates concerning a recent school shooting, I found that while NBC 4 and Fox News were running the Maryland school shooting as their top story, CNN and USA Today, by contrast, were leading with ribald tales of Stormy Daniels' recent polygraph examination and a former Playboy model's allegations of a one-time affair with President Trump. In fact, editors at CNN had chosen to run the Maryland shooting, which had just occurred, as its fifth most prominent news story of the day.

The ever-growing epidemic of children shooting children in what was once among the safest environments, our public schools, is without a doubt one of the most important problems facing our nation. Surely, in the minds of most rational humans, this issue

carries more significance than tawdry, years old allegations of sexual relations between consenting adults. Since the Columbine High School shootings in April 1999 it seems as though the proliferation of school shootings has jumped dramatically. Over the past 12 months alone there have been at least 10 different shootings involving serious injuries or fatalities at schools across the country, according to Fox News. The debate over how to combat this epidemic should be at the forefront of public discussion; instead, CNN, USA Today and other “news” sources seem to prefer that we wallow in the muck of the latest sex scandal.

As consumers of media news sources we have a choice; we can tune out the noise and seek news that focuses on substance, not scandal, or we can follow the muckrakers deeper into the abyss of salacious consumption of daily force-feedings of the garbage these shady “news” outlets keep thrusting in front of our eyes. It is up to intelligent, objective thinking Americans to set their own priorities when it comes to the types of news they choose to watch and read.

**Joseph W. Brady, Spring Valley Lake**

**California, wake up!**

Wake up California, this state has turned into a cesspool.

The Democratic leadership has degraded this state to a lawless state for special interests. We are going the way of those places in the USA that are in trouble like Baltimore, Chicago and any others with Democratic-run governments that are in power. We have people running this state that think we the taxpayer works for them instead of the fact that they work for us.

The old saying that insanity is expecting a different result by doing the same thing over and over again applies to California.

To all those center Democrats and those independants and the Republicans that are willing to stick up for what is right, please get up and make your voices heard by using your right and vote in the upcoming election to turn this state around for the citizens of the great state of California. There are alternatives for Governor, Attorney General and most other state government positions.

**K.M. Franklin, Apple Valley**

**Chaos, criminality, and corruption**

The three big C's comprising the sad state of affairs in our beautiful state of California, the result of liberal mindset, are ruining a place that once was considered one of the most desirable locations to live and work in the entire world. Is it too late to reverse course? A good start is the rebellion by some cities to fight against the insanity of "sanctuary" cities, counties, a borderless country, as it were, and the state as a whole. From the bottom up and the top down these legislators need to be replaced by others that respect and adhere to our Constitution. Vote the enemy of the state and country out!

Then there are the writers on April 4, castigating the "right wing crackpots" and on the issue of gun violence "spotlight on our leader's weak response" to gun violence (nothing weak about Donald Trump), illuminates the blind hatred they share for all things conservative and Trump in particular. One writer cannot correctly spell Potomac, and probably never visited Washington D.C., or the Smithsonian for real historical facts and figures, nor pursued researching beyond CNN and MSNBC and perhaps the WAPO. Pathetic.

Deriding Evangelicals for supporting Trump leads me to query just what options do these "profound" know-it-alls support? Corrupt Clinton, socialist Bernie? Perhaps some reflection on the part of these "oh-so-virtuous" individuals, as to the activities of their liberal heroes, dead and alive, FDR, JFK, LBJ, WJC come to mind, might just give them pause before continuing their high and mighty spews of venom. This type of negative ranting rhetoric only serves as a catharsis for the writers and produces nothing of truthful substance, but rather a very biased, bigoted view regarding the accurate accounts by verifiable facts. More is the pity. Time to applaud our president for the positive actions he is taking for all Americans and cease the "Not my president" idiocy.

### **Nancy Oswald, Silver Lakes**

#### **Bureaucracy 101**

The number one goal of government bureaucrats: protect the bureaucracy! Rather than remove a couple of unnecessary overpaid bureaucrats to save +/- \$400,000, our Town Manager, with support of the Town Council, reduces the pay of those lower-level employees who really do the work. However, this is not unexpected, as that's par for the course ... speaking of which, why not sell the golf course and save \$1,200,000 annually at last count?

I don't favor subsidizing a few Town councilmen, Rotarians, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and overpaid bureaucrats and their friends to play golf any more than I think all other town employees should pay the price. We deserve better town

leadership.

## Lee Bell, Apple Valley

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