

YOUR LETTERS: 9-23-2018

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Be wary

Be wary of anyone who believes they have a “duty” to run for public office. He said in an email response he felt it was his “duty” to run when he “became aware of actions by a current board member which concerned [him]. The “him” is 73-year old Richard Allen Diggs, a candidate for the Victor Valley College Board of Trustees. The statement comes from a Daily Press profile of the candidates seeking election to the Board of Trustees.

If there ever were reasons to not elect someone to public office — let it be because a candidate is petulant, petty and displays juvenile behavior by choosing to run simply because he or she has a beef with a sitting incumbent.

Never mind that concern for students’ welfare and achievement should be a priority. Never mind that ensuring policies and procedures are in place to retain accreditation. And never mind that the campus provides a safe and secure environment for faculty, students and visitors.

But to believe it is one’s “duty” to run for public office because an incumbent may have voiced a derogatory statement about a former president — actions that mind you were not illegal, unethical or improper — is short sighted and shows what’s really important to Mr. Diggs. Who among us hasn’t voiced a negative opinion about an elected official — or about anyone for that matter? I know that I have.

Yet, when given the chance to tout his qualifications with the Daily Press — and consequently the voters — and let people know why people they should elect him to office — he had little to say, presumably because he has “little” qualifications to serve, other than the fact that an incumbent made him mad!

Make sure you vote for Joe Brady for Victor Valley College Board of Trustees.

Michael Stevens, Victorville**Fighting for the soul of the party?**

It seems as though #Metoo has become weaponized. I say this because to hold an accusatory letter as Senator Feinstein has, a product of dirt digging through probably 40 or more years of investigation of nominee Brett Kavanaugh, makes for a last-minute speed bump, a proverbial club in which to beat down the confirmation process.

In 2009 the GOP Congress was pilloried for stonewalling President Obama's agenda, and the public's reaction sent polls plummeting for the Republican-led 112th Congress. Is there any reason for us to believe that in this revelation such a thing was purely a means for derailing the nomination process and business of government?

In my faith of the system I believe that once again that such partisan gaming will not only destroy #Metoo's credibility but that of the Democrats as well and the opportunity for women who've supported it from coming forward to right the wrongs that have been done to them. What in the world has happened to the Democratic Party that they would sacrifice integrity for a presumption of guilt?

Bryan A. Cook, Phelan**Dianne Feinstein**

Our "saintly" California Senator Dianne Feinstein dove head-first through her halo into the depths of her outhouse in an effort to deliver a death-blow to Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation. After withholding it for months, she finally remitted an anonymous letter, written by an anonymous person, regarding an undisclosed incident during a high school prom, to the FBI.

The senator received the letter sometime in July, withheld it from the FBI background investigation, and didn't mention it during either the confirmation hearings or her private meeting with the judge. She just kept it to use as a last-minute "Hail Mary," should the Dems fail to stop his confirmation. Déjà vu, Clarence Thomas?

The FBI has treated this letter appropriately, including it with their voluminous background files. This is the one and only negative report (accusation) — ever — against this very fine man.

It's amazing that this damning information hadn't come out during his federal judgeship confirmation, for which he served over 12 years as a federal judge on the DC Circuit Court. This anonymous letter, held in confidence by the senator, has been mysteriously leaked to the world. But isn't this standard practice for Democrats? Expect Gloria Allred to soon march this distraught vixen in front of the TV cameras to tearfully tell her story.

What did Dianne do after her own prom — in San Francisco?

Dennis Morris, Victorville

Anonathon

I have a great idea to relieve our political frustrations. Let everyone pick a political candidate we oppose (Democrat or Republican, etc) and write an anonymous letter to the press and the opposing political party stating that individual made unwanted advances toward them when they were in elementary, middle and/or high school (pick one or all).

Example: Candidate X repeatedly tried to hold my hand in first grade, etc. Use your imagination.

What fun. LOL.

Dean Schepis, Apple Valley

Farm life

I was born on a farm in Texas with no running water nor electricity.

Rain was collected from the roof to a cistern. The cistern leaked and the water was too brackish to drink.

We drank from tanks shared by livestock, including urine from cows, horses, and sheep.

During droughts tanks went dry and we hauled water from a lake 40 miles away. We had to get rid of cows, they drink a barrel a day.

Farm work is hard and dirty. To save water we bathed once a week in a small pan, with a rag, and homemade lye soap.

Don't feel sorry for me. I became immune to every bacteria, every snake, every yellow jacket, every chigger, every stinging nettle.

Sorry, no more time to write more.

Ken Churchill, Hesperia