
YOUR LETTERS

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Great Brady column

Joseph Brady's recent op-ed column was an outstanding analysis of things the Victor Valley needs to accomplish in order to attract companies looking to expand their corporate operations to the High Desert. If you missed reading it Sunday, go back and check it out. While the story's emphasis was on Amazon seeking a second headquarters location, his points are well-taken regarding our need to attract larger companies in general to our area. Larger companies would translate into more jobs for our area, higher-quality jobs with better pay for our residents. It would also result in fewer residents needing to travel down Cajon Pass to their jobs.

This article also renewed a concern I've developed about the letters to the editor that appear in this newspaper, that is I'd like to see more writers address local issues (in addition to being shorter). So many writers talk about major national issues, bashing either Democrats or Republicans, speaking ill of either Trump or Obama, and generally just going off on matters of politics as usual. I'd like to encourage more writers to talk about local issues, their thoughts on resolving them, and ways to improve our quality of life here.

We could start with topics covered in Brady's article like getting a branch of the Cal State University system here, more direct flights from Ontario International Airport to major cities, reducing violent crime, and reducing the dependency of our population on public assistance.

David Hansen, Hesperia

Apple Valley's problems

Mid-year financial adjustments are coming with expensive trends continuing upward! Big attorney costs of litigation (now trash fees in millions coming), more large settlements done behind closed doors (\$191,000 going to BKK for Sierra (who and why), no legally-required treasurer appointed to manage \$30 million in fixed interest investments locked and tied up for several years, emphasis is on carrying amounts and much less on critical market values.

Golf course and parks and rec getting \$1 million more subsidies in November report from general fund, which has no reserves to help offset these currently reported large deficits. Council reported fun at employee party and warrants costing \$5,000 for 100 employees? Continued deflective comments away from finance problems discussion and inquiries. This “don’t talk at all” tactic is obvious to taxpayers and watchers; maybe there are no skilled numbers folks at the dais with embarrassments. What happened to June contractor report and any outcome for district-wide voting which other public agencies are addressing?

Sheriff is coming with more service cost increases (any towing action claims for town)? Is an oversight meeting scheduled to address missing documents for \$15 million reimbursement? What will pension liabilities deficit amount (close to \$20 million) be reported? What about a budget for late penalty finance charges? The ghost of Marc Puckett apparently is continuing to work 24/7 at Town Hall since his deficiencies and errors continue.

Al Rice, Apple Valley

‘Art of the Steal’

Our beloved genius in the White House has written another book, “The Art of the Steal.” The Thief-in-Chief is right in his element. It details what he does best: steal. Steal healthcare from the poor and give tax cuts to the rich; steal from the hard-working, honest middle class and give tax cuts to ethically compromised corporate gangsters; steal clean air and water from us all to give tax cuts to the polluters. I am so proud I lived long enough to see a world class irredeemable reprobate elected to the presidency.

Our poor corporations need our help. They haven’t become rich enough exporting most of our manufacturing jobs to China. Selling their souls in exchange for the only God they know, the Almighty Dollar, makes good business sense for the bottom line. What a bunch of patriots (99% Republican). Unfortunately, the employees of these heretofore good paying jobs have joined the ranks of the unemployed, retraining for McJobs that pay a lot less. God bless corporations. They’re people too — dishonest, unethical people with no pangs of conscience. Here’s their business model: they lie, cheat and steal until they get caught. Then they pay a fine for, let us say, half a billion dollars, which is about one-third of what they stole. So, it’s win-win. Then, guess what? They lie, cheat and steal all over again until they get caught. Repeat ad infinitum.

It's not all doom and gloom, Red Hatted Rubes. You can watch football again! There's a new NFL team that you will swoon deeply in love with. It's the White House Stealers quarterbacked by Mafia Don. You can watch it on Crazy as a Fox Sports. No unpatriotic players kneeling, just knees to the solar plexus of the middle class and poor. Better hurry, though, as the word is they won't be around three years from now.

Edward Weinberg, Barstow

Honesty

Some say honesty is the best policy, but nobody believes that.

He tells her, "You look good in that outfit." He thinks, "You would look better without that outfit on."

The salesman says, "This car will go from zero to 60 instantly." He thinks, "You will get a lot of tickets in this car."

World leaders say to each other, "Thanks for the crises, I can tell my people I am the only one who can solve it."

She says, "Let them have crumbs." She thinks, "They will never be as rich and powerful as I am."

Honesty is telling people what they want to hear, which is usually the opposite of honesty.

Ken Churchill, Hesperia

It is what it is

We have been subjected to the media and liberals writhing in agony these last few days that President Trump has dared call some countries S**thole countries. Yet you look back at the liberals and they have been saying that we cannot send these refugees from these countries back because they are war torn, poverty ridden and controlled by dictatorial governments.

Sure sounds like the definition of a S**thole country to me.

James Jacobs, Apple Valley



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