

Editorials

Cheshire County calamity

Whereby GOP votes for Satan

The official Republican Party candidate for sheriff of Cheshire County is a self-described transsexual satanic libertarian (and part-time pizza restaurant worker) whose campaign slogan is “F... the police.”

A self-described “she-male,” she observes that, “I shouldn’t have won this freaking primary. I should have gotten crushed.” True, that.

But she will now be on the November general election ballot because hers was the only name on the primary ballot and more than 4,000 of the GOP faithful in Cheshire County put a check mark beside her name.

How does one account for this?

The candidate guesses that most voters did not know who she was but simply voted for the one “Republican” running for sheriff.

Is this what President Trump meant the other night when he spoke of a “herd mentality?” We supposed he was engaged in malapropism and meant

to say “herd immunity” in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. But maybe not. Perhaps there is a Republican elephantine groupthink afoot in Cheshire County as there is in other parts of the country. That is a troubling thought.

But it could be worse, and it has been. Many years ago, Republican primary voters in New Hampshire’s 1st District were given the choice from among several bona fide candidates who had campaigned for congressman. They all lost to John Adams. No, not THE John Adams. This one didn’t campaign at all. He wasn’t well and was mostly home-bound.

But the voters decided that “John Adams” sounded like someone they could vote for. He won the primary but lost the general election to incumbent Democrat Norm D’Amours, saving the tarnished honor of the district.

Let’s hope that the voters of Cheshire County do the same in November and reelect incumbent Sheriff Eli Rivera.

Legislative lows

Pass the beer, skip the stunts

House Speaker Steve Shurtleff doesn’t find it funny that empty beer cans were found in the trash at Wednesday’s legislative session, held at the UNH ice rink in Durham.

Finding beer bottles on a college campus isn’t that rare but if the drinkers were indeed legislators it might explain why some of them weren’t wearing masks during the session.

Not wearing masks at an indoor meeting where the average age must be north of 60 is rude, and none

too bright. But even ruder in what Shurtleff called a “hallowed” chamber was the disrespect of some of his fellow Democrats who refused to stand for the national anthem.

Their presumed protest over America’s shortcomings might be appropriate at a civil rights march. But at a legislative session, it comes off as a cheap political stunt.

Legislators who wish to make change, or protest the lack thereof, have the ability to try to do so with their voices and votes. They should stick to that.

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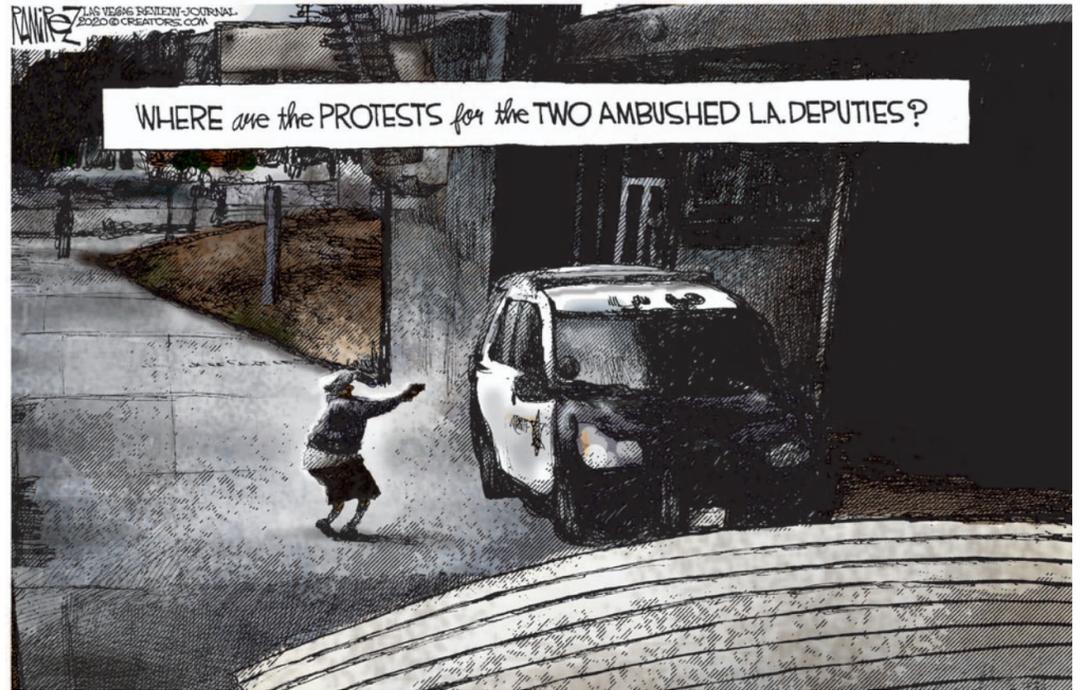
This Republican is proud to vote for Chris Pappas

To the Editor: As a lifelong Republican, I’ve proudly cast votes for Republicans up and down the ballot. This year, however, our party has lost its way. We’re in desperate need of politicians who represent our best interests rather than spend their time lobbying baseless insults at their fellow candidates. Luckily, here in the 1st Congressional District, we have that in Congressman Chris Pappas.

I’ve gone across party lines to support Chris because I know that he puts the best interests of all Granite Staters above any party politics. Congressman Pappas routinely goes

to bat to ensure that our communities continue not only to survive, but also thrive during these trying times — whether it be fighting for increased assistance from the state and federal government for our schools, our emergency services and our small businesses or working in Washington to fight on behalf of our veterans as the chair on the Subcommittee for Oversight and Investigations for the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee.

Now, more than ever, it’s clear that we need representatives who will put our best interest first — Chris Pappas is that candidate in this race, and this lifelong Republican is proud to be casting my vote for him on



Progressives inflict progress in Calif.

WASHINGTON — California, our national warning, shows how unchecked progressives inflict progress. They have placed on November ballots Proposition 16 to repeal the state constitution’s provision, enacted by referendum in 1996, forbidding racial preferences in public education, employment and contracting. Repeal, which would repudiate individual rights in favor of group entitlements, is part of a comprehensive California agenda to make *everything* about race, ethnicity and gender. Especially education, thereby supplanting education with its opposite.

The 1996 ban on preferences was not intended to, and did not, end all measures to increase the participation of minorities and women in the state’s post-secondary education, or in doing business with the state government. So, Proposition 16 should be seen primarily as an act of ideological aggression, a bold assertion that racial and gender quotas — identity politics translated into a spoils system — should be forthrightly proclaimed and permanently practiced as a positive good.

California already requires that by the end of 2021 some publicly traded companies based in the state must have at least three women on their boards of directors, up from the 2018 requirement of one woman. Last month, the legislature mandated that by the end of 2021 at least one director shall be Black,

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Latino, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Alaskan Native, or identify as LGBTQ. And by 2022, boards with nine or more directors must include at least three government-favored minorities.

Where will this social sorting end? Proposition 16’s aim is to see that there is no end to the industry of improvising remedial measures to bring “social justice” to a fundamentally unjust state, and nation. The aim is to dilute, to the point of disappearance, inhibitions about government using group entitlements — racial, ethnic and gender — for social engineering. Most important, Proposition 16 greases the state’s slide into the engineering of young souls.

They are to be treated as raw material for public education suffused with the spirit of Oceania in George Orwell’s “1984”: “Who controls the past controls the future; who controls the present controls the past.” Progressives have a practical objective in teaching the essential squalor of the nation’s past. The New York Times’s “1619 Project” — it preaches that the nation’s real founding was the arrival of the first slaves; the nation is *about* racism — is

being adopted by schools as a curriculum around the nation. If the past can be presented as radically wrong, radical remedies will seem proportionate.

Last month, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation requiring all 430,000 undergraduates in the California State University system to take an “ethnic studies” course, and there may soon be a similar mandate for all high-school students. “Ethnic studies” is an anodyne description for what surely will be, in the hands of woke “educators,” grievance studies.

Discussions of the proposed high-school requirement are being conducted in the progressive patois about “collective narratives of transformative resistance” in the “post-imperial life” of a nation groaning under the bondage of capitalist, patriarchal and other “systems of power.” Students will be taught to become “positive actors,” with the government’s public-education bureaucracy stipulating what political positions are and are not “positive.”

Coming in the context of such measures, Proposition 16’s proposed repeal of the ban on racial preferences should be understood as repealing all scruples about the government-approved groupthink that Orwell warned against in “1984.” In this enterprise, California progressives have company.

Writing in the British journal Standpoint, Charles Parton, with 22 years of dip-

lomatic experience working in and on China, explains that President Xi Jinping’s hostility to freedom’s prerequisites includes root-and-branch rejection of education, understood as the development of individuals’ abilities to think critically. Xi, who calls teachers “engineers of the soul,” wants education to be, Parton says, “collective, ideological and political.” The Chinese Communist Party says education begins by “grasping the baby,” primary school promotes “loving” the party, socialism and the collective, secondary schools inculcate “the ideology of socialist builders,” and universities must be, in Xi’s words, “CCP strongholds.”

The CCP’s and California’s indoctrinators differ somewhat concerning the particular mentalities they aim to impose. But both groups would extinguish actual education — teaching individuals how, as opposed to what, to think. The principal difference is that the CCP is more candid than California is about replacing thinking with the regurgitation of government-stipulated orthodoxies.

In 1932, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis celebrated how a single state “may, if its citizens choose, serve as a laboratory; and try novel social and economic experiments without risk to the rest of the country.” Or as a warning to it.

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Letters

November 3rd.
DONNA McQUADE
Tilton Street, Manchester

Set the record straight

To the Editor: Your caption on Thomas Roy’s photograph of the Queen City Pride event Saturday is in error: “Stephen and Beth Scaer from Nashua, are ejected for their views on women’s sports and the politics of BLM by the man on the right and others from the Brady Sullivan Plaza on Elm Street during a rally of Pride and Black Lives members . . .”

Beth and I were peacefully protesting on the sidewalk in front of the plaza when one of the BLM/Pride activists stole and

then vandalized my sign by ripping off the “Marxism” letters and writing “TRANSPHOBES.” I walked over to ask for its return. They encircled, blocked and taunted me to keep me away from my sign. When they returned my property, we left of our own volition with them following and shouting at us.

STEPHEN SCAER
East Hobart Street, Nashua

Hudson needs Amazon

To the Editor: I am writing in support of the Hudson Logistics Center proposal being considered. This is a great opportunity for our town and we should not let this pass the great town of Hudson by.

The new tax revenue Hudson will receive each year to improve the school system for my children as well as the initial \$2 million for approving this project are reason enough to support this project, but you also have to take into account the other lasting benefits this project will have on our great community such as all the local jobs created for southern New Hampshire.

The building of this site alone will bring good paying construction jobs to our town and help local businesses who will benefit from the increased local spending that goes along with these projects. I am an electrician by trade and will possibly personally benefit

from the local construction project. This will also bring added revenue to local businesses to support the construction efforts, such as gas stations, convenience stores, grocery stores, hardware stores, etc.

Once the project is complete, the jobs created will benefit our town and the families that live here for many years. Not to mention, Amazon would be an excellent employer for many of our Alvirne graduates who may be looking to enter the workforce.

As I have personally seen in my own live experiences, the now current golf course has been trying to sell this land for years.

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