

Opinion **extra!**

Don't take a hard left with Democrats

We have just reached the pinnacle of ignorance. We have gone from the brilliance, sacrifice and far-sightedness of the Founding Fathers through those who fought to make men free around the world, through the Greatest Generation. Now we have to tolerate a bunch of violent, screaming, irrational, brainwashed, clueless, safe-space seeking, accomplish-nothing wimpy brats with an overblown sense of self-importance and entitlement, a complete lack of purpose, knowledge of history, economics and a general lack of common sense.

In My View

By **Rich Walton**

I understand it from the kids because they have grown up in the land of opportunity where everything has been given to them, brainwashed by liberal parents, teachers and a media that has convinced them the U.S. is an angry, unfair, racist, war-mongering, polluting country and they are all victims of something.

Women are held down, people of color are held down, gays are

held down by the greedy capitalistic elite. And, because of our greed, the world will now end in 12 years.

What I don't understand is how gullible many of my fellow seniors are. We grew up with love and purpose in a country that had no boundaries to success regardless of how you wanted to define it. We expected nothing more than a chance and that is what we got.

Anyone could make it in our America, and now these same people have fallen prey to a group of radical left haters who want to tear it all down. OK, I get it,

bad Trump. He says outlandish things, and his sin? He actually won the presidency. Can't have that. But, check your IRAs, bank accounts, stock market. How about your home values? Have you seen the unemployment figures — 50-year low and the lowest ever for blacks, Hispanics and women. There are a million more new jobs today than people to fill them. Obama didn't do it. He said Trump would need a magic wand to bring back jobs. Guess what? Trump pulled out the magic wand of intelligent business sense and love of country that Obama didn't want or have.

For the first time in decades we have a president who has put America first. While the left is pushing a New Green Deal and open border, Trump has stuck to his job to make things better for Americans and everything he's doing has had a positive effect for us.

So, for you seniors in Green Valley, take a step back, turn off CNN and MSNBC, clear your brains and think about where this radical Democrat Party wants to take you, your kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

Rich Walton lives in Green Valley.

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But Sahuarita police didn't do that — Nixle, even if the message had gone through as intended, is just one part of an appropriate response when a person is missing. In this community, social media works. That's lost on our police department.

WHAT NEXT?

I harbor no illusions that Town Manager Kelly Udall will do anything about this. He hasn't in the past, why should things change?

Noland, who has taken the department in a positive direction in some areas, has failed miserably in this one. He answers directly to Udall, not the Town Council.

It's no secret that morale at the department is in the cellar. In 2016,

2017 and 2018, a total of 24 officers left the department for an annual average turnover of 17 percent. (It was 22 percent in 2018; there are currently 49 sworn officers in SPD.)

By comparison, in those same years, Oro Valley and Marana had 6 percent turnovers. Tucson Police had 8 percent.

Noland's been called out on this in the past. He spent a half-hour at a recent council meeting explaining the numbers — some retire, some have medical problems, some just can't do the job, others move in, he said. But those same issues exist at other departments where turnover is dramatically lower. Why is our rate nearly three times higher in some cases?

That's a question for Udall to ask. Let's hope he does.

— **Dan Shearer**

LETTERS

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Once our borders are secure, sea walls are desperately needed on the East Coast and in the southeastern region.

Let's be great, America. We can do it.

Joe Trizuto
Green Valley

Rosemont mine

I find it interesting with all the objections about the Rosemont mine that nothing has been written with factual comparison about actual experiences with the Duval or Pima mines nearby. Overall, have they been beneficial to Arizona or the communities here? Have or are they irreparably damaging the environment in horrible ways? Are they economic boondoggles? Will Rosemont be as bad or worse? If so, why?

Jerry Larson
Green Valley

The hospital

Early March 17, I entered the emergency room at Green Valley Hospital — oops, Santa Cruz Valley Regional Hospital — expecting an evaluation and a prescription and then be on my

way home. Ha! Five days later I was discharged. I departed the hospital knowing Green Valley and the surrounding areas have, whatever its name, a wonderful hospital.

During my five-day stay, I received outstanding, knowledgeable, friendly care from 25 doctors, nurses and technicians. Thank you to each and every one.

Cal Turner
Green Valley

Unify the board

Congratulations to the newly elected GVR board. You all have an opportunity to unify a broken and divided board. I hope, as a resident of Green Valley, the opportunity to mend fences and find common ground is first on your agenda.

I believe we all want the same things: to grow GVR. However, there are differing opinions on how to accomplish that. Start with a pact to remain civil and courteous to each other and the residents during board meetings. Each director was elected to serve the people, to listen and be open to new ideas. Please take off the blinders and vote as individuals, not as a pact. That only serves to divide, not unify. There are many ways to achieve the same results.

Please remember, some of you will be neighbors or at least residents when your term is up. How do you want to be remembered by this community?

Donna Talarski
Green Valley

It's a person

The debate on abortion will go on for many years to come and both sides have their view on this controversial subject. But here is one fact to consider as the debate continues: The act of abortion always prevents the birth of a human person, called a baby.

Myron "Mike" Kuebler
Green Valley

More pressing issues

Now that the Mueller report is over and many of the pundits had it wrong for two years, let's get legislators to do their elected business, like reform Medicare, prescription drugs, Social Security and southern immigration laws. Voters elected legislators to do their business for U.S. citizens, not start new investigative committees. Do the job that you were elected to do.

J. Cole
Green Valley

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