

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **Moment of truth is near**

Everyone knows, by now, Trump is a classic narcissist. How could we not? The symptoms glare at us like headlights in a deer's eyes.

Numbers of Republicans are seen abandoning the party ship, some going so far as to side with Biden and the Democrats. This gives us hope of a November victory. Hold the boat, it isn't over, yet. The criminal character that is Trump's is not giving up that easily. He will use every trick he can muster, seeking and utilizing the tools to accomplish his goals.

Name-calling is one. I think Democrats should use similar tactics to retaliate, but that is me and I'm more aggressive than most Democrats.

The moment of truth is near. We can't rely on the polls to declare victory. We must enlist all the arms in our arsenal, even if it means stooping to his level.

*Miguel Espinosa Jr., Oxnard*

### **Need a vote on Serra statue**

Taliban leader Mullah Omar ordered the Buddhas of Bamyán, built on the Silk Road in the 500s AD, destroyed in March 2001. The Buddhas were offensive because they did not conform to his interpretation of current Islamic religious beliefs.

The director general of UNESCO called the Buddhas destruction a "... cold and calculated destruction of cultural properties which were the heritage of the Afghan people..."

The Ventura City Council took it upon itself to order the removal of Father Serra's statue, as it felt he was offensive under current ethnic beliefs.

I urge my fellow Ventura voters to insist on a ballot measure to vote the fate of Father Serra's statue.

It is the cultural property of all of us, and no council motivated by current politics should make that important decision for us.

*Dougie Michie, Ventura*

### **Support Trembley's reelection bid**

I don't write reviews, never answer "give us your opinion emails," never wrote a letter to the editor but I could not avoid writing about Tony Trembley, current mayor of Camarillo and candidate for re-election to the City Council.

He is an example of what most politicians are not – responsive, honest, respectful and communicative. I had a personal agriculture problem, for the lack of a better term, and didn't know exactly what to do about.

Tony had been in my community recently just answering questions and dealing with the concerns of our residents. So I thought, here is a guy who seems to really care about Camarillo, I wonder if he could help. And he did, in a quick, professional and responsive manner. You couldn't really ask for anymore from an individual in a public position.

I'm a supporter of his candidacy for reelection to the Camarillo City Council of Camarillo and you could only benefit by being a supporter as well.

*Larry Swartz, Camarillo*

This cancel culture must stop.

I am no fan of statues of generals on horseback, or priests for that matter – and I bet the individuals they represent were all racist or flawed looking back at them by today's standards. But they are all part of our collective cultural heritage.

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