

**LETTERS**

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County Commissioner Alan Unger, Henderson’s predecessor on the DCFP Steering Committee from 2010 until 2017, understood that supplemental funding for fuels reduction work was critical to protecting our communities and restoring the health of our forests. He tirelessly advocated for Congressional funding for DCFP work each year and helped secure \$7 million from the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program for these projects. Importantly for Sisters, these dollars funded fuels treatments south and west of town that helped prevent the Pole Creek and Milli Fires from burning into area neighborhoods.

Unlike Commissioner Henderson, I understand how to protect our communities from wildfire and have worked locally for 16 years to address the barriers to fuels reduction: timber-environmental polarization, insufficient investment, and public acceptance of thinning and prescribed fire. Vote Phil Chang for our forests and our communities.

Phil Chang

*(Editor’s note: Phil Chang is running for the position on the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners currently held by Phil Henderson).*



To the Editor:

As far as I can tell, the core issue fueling the turmoil in America: Our traditional information gatekeepers can no longer be trusted. Most journalists are now actually activists in disguise. Many of our scientists are now pushing a social or political agenda. And, we have a president who’s a narcissistic liar.

No wonder Americans can’t even agree on what constitutes a fact and can’t navigate complex, nuanced concepts. I have yet to hear any of our political leaders talk about how we walk back from this post-truth future. I fear this is because these leaders are the ones who benefit the most from all the misinformation.

Josh Groves



To the Editor:

I’m 76 years old, I’ve seen the remnants of the First World War and lived as a child during the Second, in 1952 it was the Korean War followed by watching Castro bring Communism to Cuba in the ’60s. In the mid-and late-’60s, time was spent trying to eradicate racism; instead Dr. Martin Luther King, a great leader, was himself eradicated. With all this blood spilled there was still time to lose 58,000 soldiers in Vietnam.

In the ’80s things were slightly calmer and somewhat free of war except for the Middle East BS. Along came the millennium with 9/11, Iraqi, Afghanistan, Iran all to follow and still following.

These were devastating years, but today in 2020 I’m in absolute awe at this complete lack of governing by some of our largest and most beautiful cities. I watch the news and witness rioters and thugs terrorize these cities while pretending to care about Black Lives. They do all this, while the city leaders fend off any suggestion of outside help. Their cities are burning down and they’re telling their own police to stand down while kowtowing to thugs.

I am in absolute awe with some in public commentary, who sympathize with these protesters. A typical example of this is a letter written last week to *The Nugget* by Michael Wells in a rebuttal to Jim Cornelius’s commentary, where he had stressed the opposite sentiments.

Wells’ letter with its entire nonsensical partisan diatribe suggest that *The Nugget’s* Editor has no evidence that the cities’ leadership is negligent in their duties. Any intelligent being, regardless of political affiliation knows that these leaders are beyond negligent. It is pure stupidity to believe otherwise.

Terry Coultas



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