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LETTERS

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"Homeworkers Bill of Rights." It passed the Senate and Assembly with bipartisan support in early November, and Gov. Walker signed it into law on Nov. 27. It still amazes me that Adam was able to get this legislation passed in less than four months. Like I said, he gets things done!

Since he was first elected to the Assembly in 2014 to represent the 28th District, Adam has had a dozen of his bills passed into law. He is not afraid to stick his neck out, and is willing to take on the hard issues.

The "off-cycle" election in December to pick the Republican candidate is a bit unusual, and perhaps is why it is so important for people to get out and vote on Dec. 19. While Adam Jarcho's opponent, Shannon Zimmerman in the Assembly, is doing a great job in the Assembly, he does not have the necessary experience and, to date, has not had any bills passed.

If you want to make sure your property rights are protected, and you want great representation by an energetic, passionate legislator, you will vote for Adam Jarcho for Senate, and leave Shannon Zimmerman in the Assembly. These two, together, make a great team for this district.

Dorena Murr
East Chase
Hudson summer resident

Support for Patty

TO THE EDITOR
I encourage everyone to vote for Patty Schachtner for State Senator in Dec. 19 primary. A few years back, I had the great fortune to watch Patty in action when she was needed a resource guide to help those struggling with addiction and mental health issues find access to care, and she brought community leaders together to get it done.

She reached out to our local hospital boards and clinics, made her case for the need for the guide, got commitments for funding the initiative, and had this multi-page, full color guide printed and mailed to every household in St. Croix County without using a single penny of taxpayer money. She accomplished this task within two months, from beginning to end.

The resource guide was titled "We Are All in This Together," and that's exactly how Patty feels about everyone she meets - and those she hasn't yet met. Patty has the right priorities and talent to be the voice of our communities. When she sees a need, she finds a way to bring people together to meet it. We need her working on our behalf in the state legislature. Please vote for Patty Schachtner on Dec. 19.

Barry Urbas
Hudson

A systemic problem exists

TO THE EDITOR
When Hudson churches attempted to provide a safe haven for Syrian refugees, Citizens for the St. Croix Valley organized to stop this effort. When our public schools were teaching the history of world religions, this group persisted to successfully modify curriculum relating to Muslims. When our neighbors LGBTQ flags were burned, this group suggested that it was the work of gay neighbors. Recently, when a group of us proposed an Inclusion Resolution to Hudson's Common Council, CFSV proposed multiple resolutions that caused the city to pass an ordinance prohibiting public requests for resolutions. This ordinance (no. 17-17) was passed at the last Common Council meeting and recorded in last week's paper.

Just several weeks after the Inclusion Resolution was proposed in early Fall, CFSV presented three resolutions to the Common Council all within less than a month of each other and threatened to propose more. They over-whelmed our city's leaders with an inundation of bogus resolutions, retaliating against an Inclusion Resolution. Their tactics to obliterate it and any other public resolutions in the future worked, and once again, Hudson has been adversely impacted by CFSV.

Issues about welcoming diversity is a national concern and Hudson is a clear example of how a prejudicial group is succeeding with a proven track record to their credit. We

can't allow them to bulldoze their hate-filled agenda here any longer. Join me by getting involved in the Hudson Inclusion Alliance today.

Eden Penn
Hudson

Negative strong-hold

TO THE EDITOR
Muslims use Christians as sex slaves? That's ridiculous! Last week, a member of Citizens for the St. Croix Valley wrote a viewpoint that explains how modern Muslims intend to use Christian women as sex slaves. The writer cites ancient text from the Qur'an and feels confident this evidence is indisputable.

The literal interpretation of ancient text is tricky business. The Christian Bible has many outlandish instructions that include the abuse of women and asking parents to kill their children. For example, the Bible instructs "Whoever utters the name of the Lord must be put to death. The whole community must stone him, whether alien or native. If he utters the name, he must be put to death." (Leviticus 24:10)

We know an updated, culturally educated interpreter understands that these Bible instructions need contemporary insights. We have Christian leaders who help us come to terms with the Bible's outlandish text and so do Muslims. If you actually want to know how Muslims think, live and worship, you actually need to talk to Muslims.

If you believe that Citizens for the St. Croix Valley teaches bigotry and has a negative strong-hold on our community, please join us. We are the Hudson Inclusion Alliance.

We have organized to support our Hudson institutions as they take steps forward for diversity. If you support inclusion and want to challenge the messages of hate in Hudson, we invite you to our meeting. The Hudson Inclusion Alliance is gathering supporters on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. at the old library on Fourth Street. This private meeting welcomes inclusion advocates only and we hope that's you and your family.

Lowell Ford
Hudson

Comparison are amazing things

TO THE EDITOR
After eight years of a president that spent taxpayers' money as if it came from a bottomless pit. How much did his "family vacations" cost? Latest numbers were in the multiple millions! Truly necessary, right?

Now we have Americans working to impeach our current president, ignoring the enormous amounts of money he has saved us already! According to the Magazine of the Association of Mature American Citizens (AmacAdvantage), President Trump and the Department of Homeland Security report an almost 75 percent decrease in illegal border crossings along the U.S.-Mexico border while the U.S. Customs and Border protection data reflects a 17-year low in apprehensions at this point of entry. Doesn't that save taxpayers money?

In June, Trump released his annual report to Congress on White House office personnel, showing he's far better at saving money than Obama was. There are 10 fewer employees on the White House staff under Trump than under Obama at this point in their presidencies, at a savings of \$5.1 million!

Add the report revealing that instead of taking his salary, Trump donated all \$40,000 to the Department of the Interior where it will be used for the reconstruction of military cemeteries around the world of nations that our military has protected!

Comparisons can be amazing things!

Money out of politics

TO THE EDITOR
In 2010, U.S. Supreme Court decided to grant organizations like unions, nonprofits, corporations, and other artificial entities, the constitutional rights that had been reserved for ordinary Americans. This decision was referred to as "Citizens United."

As a result of this ruling, big organizations with large amounts of money have been allowed to act like individuals and citizens and donate money (considered freedom of speech) to our politics. The conse-

quence of this ruling is that the U.S. now has extended political campaigns with lots of money donated by large organizations in order to buy campaign advertising, make phone calls and deliver mailings to influence the vote. This is occurring within all political parties. How can the contributions of an individual American voter compete with the millions of dollars donated by these organizations? Is the individual American's voice even being heard?

In order to get rid of this Supreme Court decision, we must pursue an amendment to clarify what "We the People" and "Free Speech" mean in the U.S. Constitution. The Amendment would specifically define who is considered "We the People" and clearly state that money is not part of free speech, as defined in our Constitution. A nonpartisan group called United to Amend has been working nationwide to initiate the Amendment process. Go to WisconsinUnitedtoAmend.org or call 608-346-1792.

St. Croix County has now authorized a referendum so voters can decide for themselves whether they support having corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities considered human beings and whether money is freedom of speech. If passed, this will be a first step toward seeking an Amendment to this part of the U.S. Constitution. Nationwide, over 700 communities and 38 state legislatures have passed this resolution to amend. The Resolution will appear on the April 10, 2018 ballot.

Deborah Moncken
Dorset

Vote for Zimmerman

TO THE EDITOR
On Tuesday, Dec. 19 there will be a very important Republican primary election for the 10th State Senate seat vacated by State Sen. Sheila Harsdorf. Our current State Assembly Representative Shannon Zimmerman has the background, experience and vision that we need in our next State Senator.

As a businessman, Shannon and his wife Angel grew their business Sajan over the last 20 years in River Falls, providing hundreds of good paying jobs for local residents. Shannon is cognizant of the need for solid education for our upcoming workforce, a tax environment that draws companies to our state, and the need for fiscal responsibility in Madison.

I am proud to support Shannon Zimmerman in the election for our next State Senator District 10.

Lois Bernaud
Former Hudson City Council and St. Croix County Board member

Murtha for Jarcho

TO THE EDITOR
It was a true honor and sincere pleasure to represent the people of the 29th Assembly District. During my tenure, the Legislature had many accomplishments. We struck to our conservative principles, we created an environment for small businesses to grow, and we have been seeing many positive results.

I am proud of the work we accomplished in the Legislature, but there is always more work to be done. Thank you for putting your trust in me. Now I am asking you to place your trust in Adam Jarcho.

Adam is running to replace Sheila Harsdorf in the State Senate. I served with Adam in the State Assembly and I believe he is the best person to fill our State Senate seat. Adam is hard working, dedicated, and isn't afraid to tackle the tough issues. Adam currently represents the 28th Assembly District, just north of the 29th Assembly District. He is a true conservative who believes in limited government and individual liberty. He was excited to work with while I was in office, and the people of the 29th Senate District would be lucky to have Adam represent them in Madison.

Outside of the Legislature, Adam is a small business attorney, a small-business owner, and a volunteer firefighter. He lives with his wife Barbara and their set of twins just outside of Balsam Lake. He truly represents what it means to be a citizen legislator.

On Tuesday, Dec. 19 please join me in voting Adam Jarcho for State Senate.

John Murtha
Former Rep. 29 th Assembly District
Baldwin

Knudson for Jarcho

TO THE EDITOR
I strongly support State Rep. Adam Jarcho to replace She-

ila Harsdorf in the Wisconsin State Senate. Jarcho has proven to be a strong advocate for northwestern Wisconsin. In our hyper-partisan era, Jarcho has shown he is willing to buck the establishment and stand up for his district. He is bright and principled, with a record of accomplishment in Madison, but what sets Adam apart is his political courage. Join me in voting for Adam Jarcho on Dec. 19.

Dean Knudson
Former state representative
Hudson

Vote Calabrese for Senate

TO THE EDITOR
Dec. 19 State Senate District 10 primary vote! I support John Calabrese for the Democratic ticket, and here's why: he has spent the last several years working with legislators in Madison to get money out of politics. John is an anti-corruption activist, and the first step in this anti-corruption campaign is to make campaign finance reform happen, indeed it is the only way to "lean the scales."

John also powerfully supports wilderness conservation, clean air, clean water, equitable financing for public schools as well as maintaining healthy infrastructure.

We can begin right now to change the face of politics by voting for candidates who will be the voice of the people. Your voice! If you live in State Senate District 10 then I'm asking you to vote for John Calabrese on Dec. 19.

Stephanie May
Dorset

Carbon fee and dividend

TO THE EDITOR
The cost of this year's hurricane and wildfire disasters is staggering. With an overwhelming scientific consensus that the magnitude of these disasters is related to climate change, one looks for a solution to combat global warming. A carbon-based fee approach has bipartisan support. Increasing the cost of burning fossil fuels will drive the market to seek suitable green alternatives, some of which exist today.

The Citizen Climate Lobby (CCL), a nonpolitical organization, has a unique market-based on a revenue neutral approach to carbon fees that is worthy of investigation. Known as Carbon Fee and Dividend, the policy works like this: Assess a fee on the amount of carbon dioxide (or CO2 equivalent) that fuel will emit when burned, starting at \$15 per ton and increase it by \$10 per ton annually.

Return the revenue from that fee equally to all households as a dividend. Protect American businesses by assessing a border adjustment tariff on imports from nations that do not have an equivalent fee on carbon. Revenue from the tariff would be used to pay American businesses exporting to nations that do not have a similar fee on carbon.

This policy corrects the failure of the marketplace to hold fossil fuels accountable for the damage done to the environment and society. By correcting that failure, investments in cleaner forms of energy such as solar and wind and purchases of low-carbon emitting vehicles will accelerate, eventually reaching a level necessary to stabilize our climate.

Returning the revenue to households will ease the burden of fossil fuel cost increases everyone pays. Most people will actually receive more from the dividend than they will pay for increased energy costs.

The border adjustments, which maintain a level playing field for U.S. businesses, also provide the economic incentive for other countries to follow our lead and initiate their own carbon-pricing policies.

With the cost of this year's disasters reaching into the hundreds of billions of dollars, the CCL approach is a worthy solution as it combats climate change while not adversely affecting our economy. More information can be found at www.climatechangelobby.org.

Please contact your representatives in Congress, Sen. Duffey 202-235-3365, Ron Johnson, 202-224-3528 and Tammy Baldwin 202-224-5953 and tell them that you are concerned about climate change and suggest the CCL solution.

Michael Pezako
Sheil Lake