

and read down different paths.

Mantovani ran as a Democrat against Sam Page, a Democrat, and lost. Now, Mantovani is challenging Page as a Republican. I don't know whom I'd be voting for.

Charles Eisele • Sunset Hills

GOP uses distraction to play down own failed policies

Voters should compare what Democrats and Republicans offer to help ordinary people. Most Democrats support expanded health care, free preschool and college, lower-cost daycare, labor unions, a higher minimum wage and job-creating programs to battle climate change. Republicans offer zero such proposals, which would probably raise taxes and reduce profits for the wealthy and corporate big donors.

To divert attention from this contrasting record, Republicans try to shift the focus to social and cultural issues, accusing Democrats of being soft on crime and demonizing and scapegoating immigrants, Blacks, Mexicans and Muslims.

Ordinary people are distracted about their own economic plight while the rich keep getting richer.

Richard Barsanti • Western Springs, Ill.

Digital voter guide should have links, earlier publication

The midterm election is less than a month away, and absentee voting has already started. It would be really helpful if the Post-Dispatch voter guide was already available.

It would also be helpful if that guide included hyperlinks to news stories written about the ballot item, candidate websites and other sites where voters could get more in-depth information than is now provided in the guide.

The world of voting has changed and the guide, along with the timing of its release, should change too.

Shelley Welsch • University City

Weak attendance, priest shortage spell a parish's doom

Regarding "Which St. Louis area Catholic parishes will close? The clues are in the data." As a lifelong

Trump doesn't believe in equal justice under the law

Regarding the editorial "Trump's latest violent, racist rhetoric cues the usual crickets from the GOP" (Oct. 5): The Editorial Board is correct that Donald Trump's rhetoric "should be considered a national crisis." Our Constitution was established, in part, to ensure domestic tranquility. Those who believe in equal justice under the law understand Trump's role in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection.

In a recent interview, Trump said about the Capitol rioters, "If I decide to run and if I win, I will be looking very, very strongly about pardons, full pardons ... and I mean full pardons with an apology." This is a strategic, deliberate, and shameless attempt to reprise his Jan. 6 role.

Given the growing support for freedom and democracy around the world, Trump's rhetoric represents a tyrannical mindset rooted in unequal justice under the law. Americans saw how quickly Roe v. Wade was dismantled through his three Supreme Court appointments. This was the worst opinion since Dred Scott, in my opinion.

The phrase "equal justice under law" is engraved at the top of the Supreme Court building. It may not literally be removed if Trump is reelected, but it will definitely result in further erosion of the principle that no one is above the law.

Lou Horwitz • St. Peters

E-edition user tips makes for more enjoyable reading

I struggled the first couple of days to navigate and read the new Post-Dispatch e-edition. I then discovered the menu in the top right corner and selected the "download" option, then "full edition," then "view pdf." I can now scroll through the entire edition and the font is scalable and readable. I suggest the paper offer some user education so others can enjoy navigating and reading with ease.

Jay Burnham • Hazelwood

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