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RAPPIN' Thomas Wyatt CHARLATANS

The word charlatan has many different synonyms. And usually, only one or two are really interchangeable with words of multiple counterparts.

However, when it comes to the GOP, all synonyms apply.

Fake, Fraud, hoaxer, impostor, phony, quack, sham; you name it.

I'm further struck by what fellow GOPer Michael Cargill said about his own party. In reference to last month's GOP convention in Texas, Cargill said, "These are just crazy people."

That's the one word not associated with charlatan; but I concur, Michael.

For those unaware, Cargill is a gay Black man and owner of a gun shop in south Austin. He's also a republican, and most recently, the former acting chairman of the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas.

Cargill resigned in protest over the GOPs stance on homosexuality; or, as the GOP put it, "an abnormal lifestyle choice."

Hmm, where have we heard that before? (Hint: June 10th issue)

Cargill gives more reasons to KXAN for resigning that you can find on page 6.

However, one statement he made, I personally vehemently disagree with. Cargill said it's "a small minority of people" ejecting "hateful language."

No, Michael. It's quite a few. Much more than you are willing to accept.

Wasn't it just two weeks ago when 31 people were arrested for planning a riot at a Pride Parade in Idaho?

And during that same week, you had a guy giving a graduation speech in defiance of the gay lifestyle to students in an Ohio high school?

So no, it isn't just a small group.

Nonetheless, enough with Mr. Cargill's issues with his party.

I have an issue with the GOP in general. And it's this: They're hypocrites.

And what do you know; another synonym for charlatan.

The main stance of the GOP platform is to resist the government's incidence in our lives. Period. In other words, they want to do whatever the hell they want within their bodies.

But the reason they're hypocrites is because they want to tell you what to do with your own damn body in every which way, form, or fashion.

Oh, tell me I'm wrong, Mike. Please. Tell me!

Deshaun Watson Has Only Himself to Blame



By John Harris Jr. VILLAGER Sports Columnist

Deshaun WatsonDeshaun Watson of the Houston Texans after a game against the Washington Redskins at FedExField on November 18, 2018 in Landover, Maryland. Picture courtesy KA Sports Photos/Flickr

(VILLAGER) - OK, which one is he?

Is Deshaun Watson a sexual predator, a grimy creep who hides behind his considerable athletic gifts, substantial wealth and 100-watt smile to take advantage of "innocent" women for his personal gratification?

Or is Deshaun Watson a victim of circumstance and race, a high-profile Black quarterback who likes massages and the women who provide them, some of whom may be willing participants for sexual favors and using his prestige to grab a big bag of cash?

Will the real Deshaun Watson — better known for his time spent with the Houston Texans before being traded to the Cleveland Browns in March - please stand up!!

To me, Watson fits somewhere in between.

Watson has maintained his innocence of the numerous allegations of inappropriate sexual conduct during massage sessions that have been made against him.

Two grand juries in Texas declined to pursue criminal charges against Watson earlier this year. However, 20 of 24 women with active lawsuits against Watson agreed to settle their lawsuits. The remaining active lawsuits range from indecent exposure to sexual assault.

Watson's hearing before the NFL and NFL Players Association's jointly appointed disciplinary action was scheduled to begin this week. The NFL is expected to seek a "lengthy" suspension, according to ESPN. Speculation has the \$230 million quar-

terback missing a minimum of the entire 2022 season, which would be a huge blow to the player and his new team.

So how are we supposed to feel about this?

As much as I may want to give Watson the benefit of the doubt, I just don't see him as an innocent victim, yet another brother railroaded by an unjust and corrupt legal system. Make no mistake, Watson brought this upon himself.

I don't feel badly for Watson. But, yet, I do.

Did he assault women using physical force in the typical way that we think of sexual predators? He said he didn't, and I believe him. But in no way does that absolve him of some level of guilt.

He's a superstar athlete who's used to getting his way, insulated with support from higher-ups justifying and defending his actions. A lawsuit filed against the Houston Texans, Watson's former team, alleges the club enabled Watson's behavior.

Face it: The man has already written checks estimated in the millions of dollars to settle lawsuits with 20 women. I mean, damn! How many (female) massage therapists does one man need? And what does that say about his treatment of women, paying them for massages but actually expecting more in return? In some cases, a lot more.

Watson has some personal demons to deal with. Maybe a lengthy suspension and public humiliation is what he needs to put things in perspective and get his life in order.

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