

About that jury

Re "What were they thinking?" (Cover story, by CN&R staff, Dec. 27):

Only children and fools believe in Santa Claus and that juries are selected at random.

Joseph Robinson  
Chico



story as well. Certainly David is a talented and respected editor. On top of that, he is a consummate gentleman. Thank you for being kind enough to point that out. We all wish David the best as he heads toward his next chapter.

Terry Moore  
Chico

Nice acknowledgments

Re "David and Steve" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty) and "Stepping down" (Newlines, by Ashiah Scharaga, Dec. 20):

It was nice to see the CN&R take off the gloves for once. Your editorial on David Little was a well-deserved acknowledgment of the contributions he has made, both to the community in which we all live as well as the industry in which he was employed.

The longer article was obviously researched and told a nice

Small step forward

Re "Give them shelter" (Newlines, by Ashiah Scharaga, Dec. 20):

After five years of heroic effort on the part of Charles Withuhn, Simplicity Village found support from our new Chico City Council. Given our need for affordable housing, which recently increased exponentially, this is a welcome if minuscule step forward. (I say minuscule because Butte County needed 2,000 affordable housing

units before the Camp Fire. We now need more than 10,000, with Simplicity Village meeting 0.5 percent of that need.)

In any case, where our last council faltered and obstructed, we are seeing forward motion. I hope this extends to include the human rights of those many (and many more) who survive on our streets, night after night. In particular, the right to 24-hour restroom access, which is now denied.

It's time to move forward with installing portable toilets and hand-washing stations, along with opening existing public restrooms 24/7. There is no perfect way to do this; we are managing chaos in the ongoing absence of thousands of affordable housing units. We have a choice: We can manage this chaos more or less honorably. The honorable path is to end deprivation wherever possible.

Patrick Newman  
Chico

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THIS MODERN WORLD

STEP ONE: PRIVATE INDUSTRY PUTS PUBLIC HEALTH AND/OR SAFETY AT RISK.

TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF OUR GRAVEL-MINING OPERATIONS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW CATEGORY OF EXPLOSIVE WE CALL THE DOOMSDAY BOMB!

A.K.A. THE PLANET BUSTER!

NOT TO WORRY! IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE!

STEP TWO: WORRIED LIBERALS PROPOSE MODEST REGULATIONS.

IF WE'RE GOING TO ALLOW THEM TO DEPLOY THESE DOOMSDAY BOMBS--

--WE SHOULD AT LEAST REQUIRE THEM TO INSTALL A \$1.97 CUTOFF SWITCH ON EACH DEVICE!

I MEAN--IT'S A DOOMSDAY BOMB!

STEP THREE: CONSERVATIVES PUSH BACK.

THIS IS AN OUTRAGE! DO YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO INSTALL THESE SO-CALLED SAFETY SWITCHES ON EACH DEVICE?

\$1.97 APIECE! EXACTLY!

STEP FOUR: MEDIA DUTIFULLY REPORT BOTH SIDES OF ISSUE.

THE WORLD SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY HAS CONCLUDED THAT DOOMSDAY BOMBS ARE A DANGER TO ALL LIFE ON EARTH.

ON THE OTHER HAND, INDUSTRY-FINANCED SKEPTICS DISAGREE!

I GUESS THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW WHO'S RIGHT!

STEP FIVE: INEVITABLE DISASTER UNFOLDS.

NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE PREDICTED THIS.

KA-BOOM!

STEP SIX: CONSERVATIVES DOUBLE DOWN ON THE CRAZY.

LIBERALS WANTED THIS TO HAPPEN--SO THEY'D HAVE AN EXCUSE TO IMPOSE MORE REGULATIONS!

ANYWAY--I THINK THERE ARE NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES TO OUR NEW SUBDIVIDED PLANET!

UM--YOU'RE ON MY CHUNK.

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