'Unconscionable'

Re "Double down" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty, Jan. 24) and "Shelter no more" (by Meredith J. Cooper, Jan. 17):

Thank you, Editor Melissa Daugherty and the staff of the Chico News & Review, for your role in encouraging the American Red Cross to shelter fire refugees beyond Jan. 31.

In your coverage and editorial comment, I see journalism at its finest: A bright light shed on an issue, bringing the facts forward. Then, the articulation of a principled response to the facts on the ground; in this case, saying loudly and clearly that it is unconscionable for a massively funded charity to allow people to go unsheltered in the dead of winter.

On Jan. 28, I stood with members of the Chico Homeless Union in a well-organized and inspiring protest against what appears to be an impending "soft closure" of the fairgrounds shelter a closure now appearing more and more like a public relations gambit, designed to blunt opposition.

Notwithstanding the above, we are deluding ourselves in thinking charities can or will comprehensively address major social problems, like shelter deprivation. We have a full-scale, national, governmental failure in the realm of housing—and poverty in general.

And, right here at home, *once again*, where are Chico's share of the FEMA trailers?

Patrick Newman Chico

Ask the developers

Re "About the Red Cross" (Letters, by Patrick Newman, Jan. 24):

A number of people have questioned what the city [of Chico] is doing about placing FEMA housing for Camp Fire victims. The question might be better posed to our local developers.

The city owns parks, reserves and facilities that have purposes other than housing. Our local developers have bare land that is earmarked for what FEMA needs—parcels zoned for dwellings. The developers have land-banked substantial acreage around town in the hopes of future development. One such parcel on Eaton Road was proposed for FEMA manufactured housing units, but the developer pulled the piece from consideration.

Our developers appear to be better positioned than the city to assist with suitable land for emergency housing. If FEMA is not asking them about it, perhaps community members should be.

> Scott Huber Chico

Editor's note: The author is a member of the Chico City Council.

Pets still need help

Re "For the pets" (Newslines, by Melissa Daugherty, Jan. 24):

The article has a feel-good tone

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ATTENTION BOOMERS

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WHERE: Disability Action Center office,

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1161 East Ave, Chico 95926

QUESTIONS? Contact Sandra Morales at 893-8527 x 104 or sandra@actionctr.org

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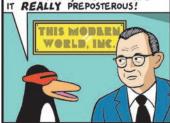
THIS MODERN WORLD

HEY BOB, HOW'S THIS FOR AN OVER-THE-TOP, SATIRICAL CARTOON IDEA--WHAT IF, TWO YEARS INTO HIS PRESIDENCY, TRUMP SUDDENLY DE-CIDED HIS BORDER WALL WAS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY, AND SHUT DOWN THE GOVERNMENT TO GET HIS WAY?



OK--HERE'S A TRULY OUTLANDISH ONE--WHAT IF THE PRESIDENT WERE ACTING LIKE AN ACTUAL **MOBSTER**, TWEETING THREATS UNTIL A WITNESS AGAINST HIM CANCELLED TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS?

WE COULD HAVE RUDY GIULIANI SAYING SOMETHING BIZARRELY INCRIMINATING, JUST TO MAKE IT **REALLY** PREPOSTEROUS!



OR, HOW'S **THIS** FOR AN ABSURD PREMISE--WHAT IF THE SHUTDOWN DRAGGED ON FOR MORE THAN A **MONTH**, WITH PEOPLE NOT GETTING PAID, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES STRETCHED TO THE BREAKING POINT, AND THE NATION'S AIR TRAFFIC SYSTEM HANGING IN THE **BALANCE**?



AND--I AM JUST BRAINSTORMING HERE--WHAT ABOUT A CARTOON SET IN A RIDICULOUS ALTERNATE UNIVERSE, WHERE MORE INFO COMES OUT ABOUT TRUMP'S MOSCOW TOWER DEAL, PROVING CONCLUSIVELY THAT HE'S BEEN LYING ALL ALONG-BUT EVERYONE'S SO EXHAUSTED FROM THE CONSTANT BARRAGE OF NEWS THAT IT BARELY EVEN REGISTERS!



BY TOM TOMORROW

AND WHAT IF, THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE THING, TRUMP KEPT REPEATING WEIRD, UNSUBSTANTIATED STORIES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKERS WITH DUCT-TAPED WOMEN...AND TWEETING SOME SORT OF DUMB RHYME? LIKE, I DUNNO, "MY HANDS AREN'T SMALL AND I WANT A WALL!"





