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and sense of "mission accomplished" that doesn't do the current situation justice. There are over 500 unclaimed cats and over 100 unclaimed dogs, and more cats are found every single day (200-plus cats found in January alone).

The county hopes that unclaimed pets will be adopted, but they are not promising anything. They are transferring these pets to other shelters and have stated it is up to these shelters to now deal with this issue. They are distancing themselves from any euthanasia that may occur. The fact is that many frantically searched for their pets in the initial weeks, buthaving gone through the trauma of escaping and then viewing the devastation—have assumed their pets died.

The pets were constantly moved and scattered, and the online resources have been equally chaotic. People stopped looking. If you lost a pet, please look for it again! Please post your lost pet photos to CampFirePetRescue.org and CampFireRescuedAnimals.com, and look for your animals on these photo sites. We also need people to adopt, foster and volunteer! Please help if you can.

> Alan Raetz Woodland

Rx for survival

Re "Why we care about 'the homeless" (Editorial, Jan. 24):

I definitely agree "Love thy neighbor" isn't a platitude. I believe it is a prescription for survival.

We humans have always relied on those living nearby for help in times of need. Our pioneers helped raise each others' barns and traded resources. New immigrants deliberately settled in the same neighborhood in order to support each other.

During the Great Depression, employed neighbors fed unemployed ones. The first responders at the recent climate-related disasters of hurricanes, floods and fires were neighbors, not the federal government. The homeless among us, no matter why they are homeless or where they are from, are here now and, so, are our neighbors.

The prescription for their survival, as well as our own, is "Love they neighbor."

Renee Renaud

Post-fire Chico

The Paradise nightmare has provided a picture of what traffic will look like in the future: congested. Past overgrowth has given birth to serious crime, gangs, graffiti, the homeless, traffic pressure, threats to clear water and blue skies.

Thirty years ago, none of these perils existed. Concerned citizens rallied under the flag of "No Way San Jose" to protect and preserve the bucolic Chico of old and its sensitive environment. The contractors, the city councils, the city staff, the Chico Enterprise-Record and the Chico Chamber of Commerce cost us our unsurpassed town. Their motives vary from "bigger is better" to plain greed and monopolybuilding. What a shame!

Jerry Olio

Bernie's folly

"Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

Dust off the 2016 Ralph Nader trophy, and change the date to 2020: Bernie Sanders just tossed his hat into the 2020 Democratic presidential race. Fresh off the heels of apologizing to 12 of his campaign workers who were allegedly sexually harassed during his last ill-fated, Comrade Trump-enabling campaign, Bernie is basking in his third residence—a four-bedroom, three-bathroom summer home on Lake Champlain, in Vermont.

Blend in pro-Kremlin former Viktor Yanukovych Campaign Manger Tad Devine, who worked alongside Paul Manafort to earn Yanukovych a charge of treason by the Ukranain government, and then worked as Bernie's chief campaign strategist in 2016, it's a recipe for another disaster next year.

If the DNC has not brains enough to politely tell Bernie to run as an independent in 2020, the party deserves another four years of the Comrade Trump chaos that we all currently endure. Sir Walter Scott's "tangled web" tells it all.

Ray Estes

Spin-man Rudy

Rudy Giuliani complains that the media either do not understand or feign not understanding his "spins," which he claims he can assert with impunity, given his masterful command of Trumperian facts.

Huh? Is he serious?

At a time like none other, a time when we need to know truth—not spins on truth—Giuliani is chastising media outlets and their audiences for not appreciating his flagrant intent to hoodwink the public? Is he oblivious to the ridicule visited upon Kellyanne Conway, the Trump associate who attempted to justify as "alternative fact" her grossly exaggerating the size of one of Trump's audiences?

I suppose we should not be surprised. If Trump can no less abashedly castigate Michael Cohen for having "ratted" him out, then it is only to be expected that he would welcome counsel from someone promoting spin as an acceptable substitute for honesty.

> William Todd-Mancillas Chico

Humpty Trumpty

I thought I was clever when I thought of the reference to Humpty Dumpty in relation to Trump's wall. I was not. Online I saw T-shirts and other paraphernalia with Trump's picture in the depiction of Humpty Dumpty.

I looked further into the origins of the rhyme and found a more historic Humpty. Evidently, a cannon was called a Humpty Dumpty in the 1600s. This particular cannon had been mounted onto a castle wall and the gunner, one-eyed Jack Thompson, had managed to successfully attack the enemy many times. While that enemy could not challenge the cannon directly, they did manage to attack the wall, so both the wall and the cannon finally fell. Then, you know the outcome, "Humpty Dumpty had a great fall...."

Is it possible that the Democrats, plus others opposed to the wall, can weaken Mr. Trump's adamant stand? This would allow more reasonable approaches to immigration. It also would allow Congress to return to regular business rather than spending an inordinate amount of time on Mr. Trump's insistence on an unneeded wall.

Our opinions must be heard by Rep. LaMalfa and his men/women.

Rebecca Cook

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