

About that wall

To better reflect the spirit of our time, I submit the following rewrite of the first stanza of "America the Beautiful":

O pitiful, rapacious eyes, for amber waves of hair

For purple mountains full of coal, let's mine them 'til they're bare.

America, America, a place that's just for me,

To keep others out, let's build a wall, from sea to shining sea.

Dan Johnson
Chico

President Trump is not going to get his wall because the majority of the people don't want it. He can, however, still make good on his big promise to make America great again by following Richard Nixon's example and resigning before he is indicted.

Kelly Youngs
Chico

City slackers

Re "Ask the developers" (Letters, by Scott Huber, Jan. 31):

Councilman Scott Huber makes this case: "Our developers appear to be better positioned than the city to assist with suitable land for emergency [FEMA] housing." I respectfully disagree.

It may be that there are FEMA units requiring the equivalent infrastructure of a mobile home park. And it may be that private property slated for development is the easiest, go-to sort of location. And, it may be that developers are balking at participating in a FEMA program. But, any suggestion that resistance on the part of private property owners can cover our three-month, city of Chico failure to act, is just too convenient.

What incentives has the city offered private landowners, possibly with financial assistance from the North Valley Community Foundation? None. Is it true that FEMA would refuse to install

mobile homes on park land or airport land or any of Chico's surplus properties? No. All that aside, there are FEMA "camp" trailers now in other cities, sited in parking lots, requiring no sewer hookups. Any in Chico? Zero.

Bottom line: By the three-month anniversary of the Camp Fire, displacing 30,000 people, there will not be one person sheltered through a city of Chico initiative of any kind.

Patrick Newman
Chico

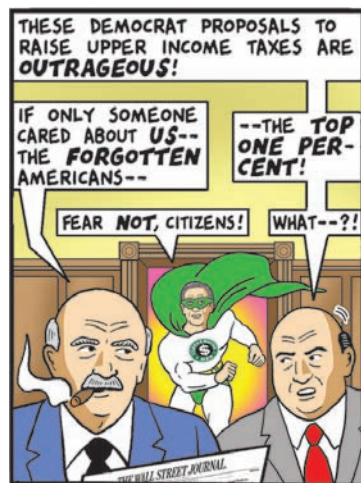
Sewer on the Ridge

Everyone in Chico has been affected by the Camp Fire tragedy. Before the fire, Paradise was full of crap. Literally. There was talk of running a pipe down to Chico and hooking into the sewage treatment plant.

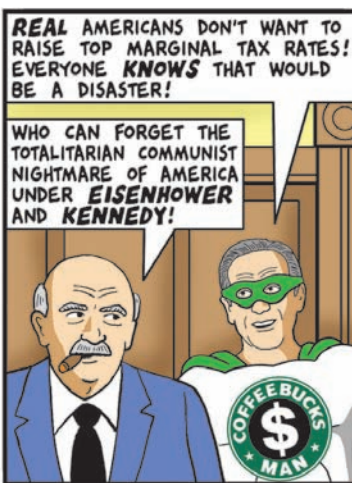
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