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how the influx of people is putting a strain on the system. The people of Chico have opened our hearts, homes, wallets and toilets to the people of Paradise. What more can we do? Now is the perfect time for the town of Paradise to find a location on the Ridge and build their own sewage treatment plant if they want to properly rebuild the town.

William Strom  
Chico

**“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

## More Camp Fire talk

I was watching KRCR news. One of the stories featured a man (didn't catch his name) in some emergency authoritative position talking about the Camp Fire. The segment featured some 911 call replays wherein people were reporting they could see fire. The dispatcher told them, “No, you're not.” The man concluded the interview saying something to the effect that everything was handled brilliantly and couldn't imagine how it might have been better.

And therein lies at least one problem. When those in authority respond to you as if you had marbles instead of brain cells in your head, you're not likely to get the response you need. I have experienced this myself. Others have related to me similar results.

In the news, from time-to-time, one can see similar situations. I know not all in authority think everyone else is stupid and can't know what they're talking about. But it seems enough do. Until those in response positions can be identified and retrained, we will continue to have tragedies worse than they might have been.

So, emergency personnel, if I ever call you to report a, well, emergency, please do not condescendingly treat me like I'm a babbling idiot. Thank you.

Sandra Jarosz  
Red Bluff

where it is going. Not like Chico; they heard about it and said *no*. Obviously, someone somewhere told all concerned to *not notify anyone*. Was this done to avoid protests?

I feel this debris will be loaded with toxic chemicals. The concrete had toxic material flowing through to the soil below. Loading it on trucks, they intend to “wash” the load free of surface dust/cinders. These loads will be wrapped “... to decrease the chance of toxic ash during transport” (Sacramento Bee, Jan. 10).

Officials say loads will be *toxin-free*? I feel inside the concrete will contain a toxic “bomb” waiting to go off. When the trucks arrive for processing, [the contents] will be crushed. Where does this dust go? The metal during washing, will all toxic material be removed? Will any processing cause dust? Will toxins be present? Maybe yes, maybe no. Take your pick.

Zane Libert  
Palermo

## Dangerous POTUS

Security lapses in the current Trump administration are not rare. For instance, for more than a year, senior adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner had been allowed access to highly classified information while having only a downgraded interim security clearance.

Besides repeatedly changing his answers to security application questions, his contacts with foreign government officials had raised concerns with White House security experts. Kushner was twice denied clearance; however, Carl Kline, Trump's appointed director of the personnel security office of the president, overruled the denials. Thirty other White House officials were accorded the same preferential treatment.

Kushner has a \$1.2 billion debt on a New York City office building due in 2019. After a failed loan agreement with a Chinese holding company in 2017, he turned to Qatar with his hand out. After meetings in the White House with senior officials from Apollo Management Group and Citigroup, Kushner received over \$500 million in loans.

How many of the 30 “cleared” White House officials are susceptible to influence by foreign agents? It depends on who has the propensity to be as stupid as Trump, who shared a foreign ally's highly classified intelligence with two senior-level Russian officials during a visit to the Oval Office.

Roger S. Beadle  
Chico

## Note the vote

Understand the Democratic House has put forth its first legislation concerning “the right to vote.” The bill would also include voting day, the first Tuesday in November, as a federal/national holiday. What a great step forward in the Democratic recovery this nation needs.

Republicans hate the idea of “more people” voting! We can't have this! Why not? An open, Democratic society in which “the vote” has finally come to the top of this country's civil rights/constitutional framework [is something] we must look to and follow more than ever.

Watch as the Republican Senate “votes” on this!

Brian Johnson  
Orland

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