

## 'Salutes and slams'

Re "Dire directive" (Newsline, by Ashiah Scharaga, Feb. 7):

Thank you to Mayor Randall Stone, Scott Huber, Ann Schwab and Vice Mayor Alex Brown for insisting that the city put up an emergency warming center for the people experiencing homelessness. And thank you to Mark Orme and his staff for making it happen within 24 hours. Their consideration for people over money and politics is very gratifying and probably is saving lives.

Sandra O'Neill  
Chico

As an homage to the Enterprise-Record's "Hits and Misses" column, some Salutes and Slams:

Salute: With the creation of a warming center, for the first time in our city's history, shelter and toilets were provided to the homeless, on city property, by the city of Chico. This is a welcome turning point and I salute our council, especially Councilman Scott

Huber and Mayor Randall Stone. Also, thanks to City Manager Mark Orme and his staff for a seemingly instant and effective response.

Slam: Where are our FEMA trailers? No, not FEMA mobile homes, which take months to install, but camp trailers of the sort that were dropped in Orland months ago! Orland has 70 and proportional to our population, we should have nearly 1,000. So far, zip.

Salute: I salute Sandra O'Neill for her steadfast advocacy for the homeless, well illustrated at the last council meeting. O'Neill asked our council to rescind our many homeless criminalization laws—including sit/lie. I hope our council is listening.

Slam: Who removed the picnic tables at Children's Playground? Those tables were often used by homeless people and that area was "adopted" by anti-homeless Chico Firsters. I smell a rat. Let's get those tables back.

Patrick Newman  
Chico

## Anti-vet ordinance

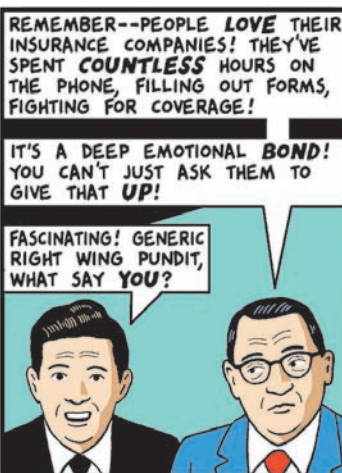
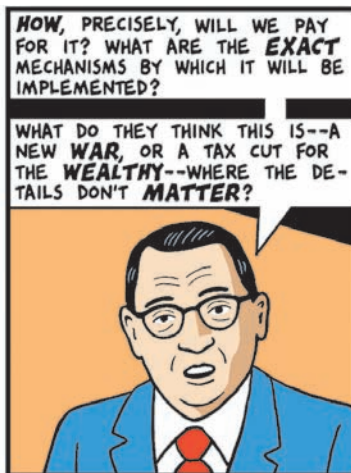
Twenty veterans commit suicide every day. Veterans Affairs, under Trump, still refuses to allow medical doctors to prescribe cannabis to wounded veterans suffering various ailments. Unfortunately, the VA prescribes opioids at excessive levels to veterans.

In 1996, the people of California passed Proposition 215, making it legal for doctors to prescribe medical cannabis. In November 2017, the Chico City Council passed (4-3), an ordinance to prohibit medically prescribed cannabis to be delivered in Chico, including to wounded veterans. However, anyone who is addicted to opioids could continue to have those drugs delivered to their homes.

Councilmembers Randall Stone (now mayor), Ann Schwab and Karl Ory voted against the anti-veteran cannabis ordinance. Last November, the Chico voters elected two more Democrats, Scott Huber

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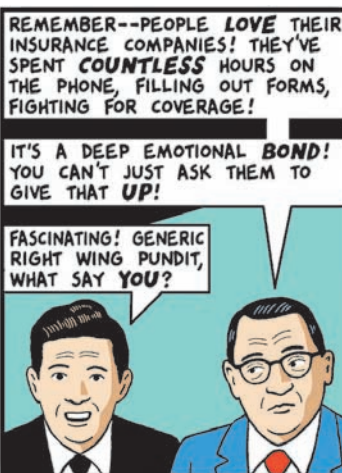
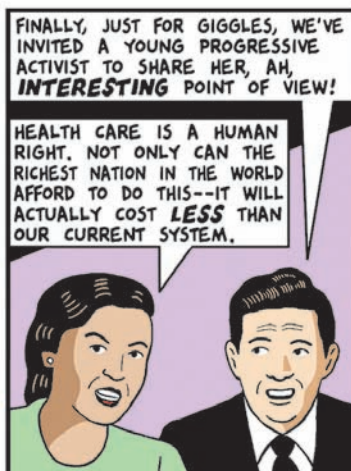
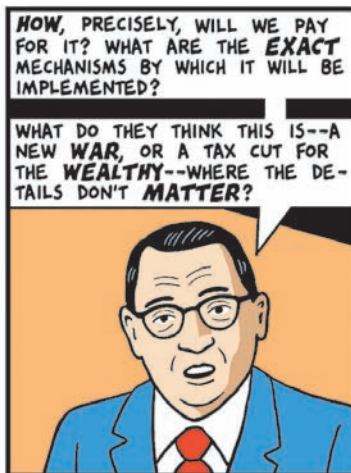
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