

Congressman in denial

Re "Drastic measures" (Cover story, by Judy Lin, April 4):

Thanks for your [cover story]. Unfortunately, it's clear we should expect more fires in the state, if not Rep. Doug LaMalfa's district. As a climate crisis denier (akin to a flat-earther), he will want us to label the next fire LaMalfa #5. I trust he also will invite his fellow climate crisis denier Sen. Mike Lee, and stand beside him as Lee mocks the Green New Deal. Rep. LaMalfa can hold up Lee's *Star Wars* posters and President Sexual Predator's rake to make his "science" clear to the folks battling the fire and losing their homes behind them.

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More on LaMalfa

Re "Learning from the land" (Greenways, by Ashiah Scharaga, April 4):

I enjoyed the article on rice farming by Ashiah Scharaga. I appreciate the hard work by farmers to help feed us all. I enjoy rice especially with my salmon and would point out they both need water. We are entering an interesting time here in America, and it seems socialism versus capitalism, and their definitions will be an issue in the coming election.

I feel the need to point out that California rice farmers received \$2.7 billion in subsidies from 1995-2017 and Arkansas \$6.9 billion, just to mention a few. I would ask Doug LaMalfa: Are these taxpayer subsidies capitalism or socialism? Or corporate welfare?

Howard Myrick
Chico

Missing the irreplaceable

Re "No Kondo, no thanks" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty, April 4):

We fire survivors got a Marie Kondo special, *all* clutter removed in an instant. When I moved into my house in old Magalia in 2007, I had a futon and my beloved garage setup. It took me 11 years just to furnish the house—pots and pans, couch, etc. Anyone who visited over the years often remarked, "Kind of Spartan, eh, George?" I liked it that way. But now, with my stuff just this side of nothing and although never having been a pack rat, these days, five months after the fire, I do miss some of my stuff, my 11-year-old stuff, much of which I'll never be able to replace.

George Gold
Willows

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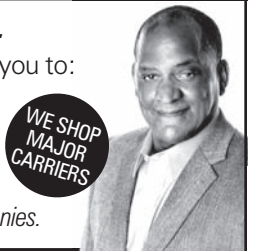
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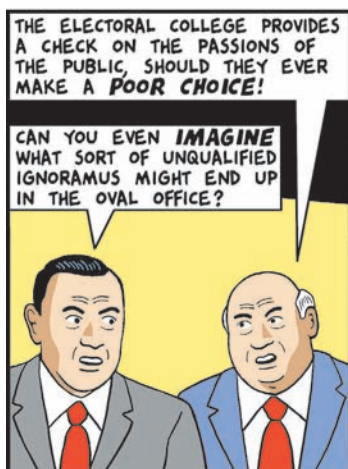
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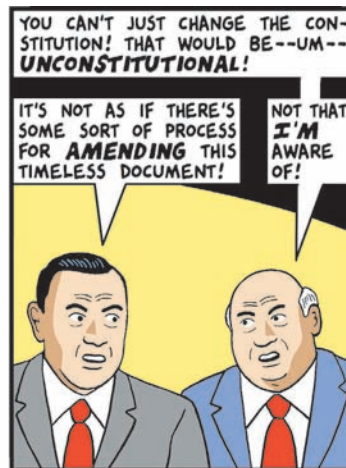
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