Remembering Jonathan

Re "Larger than life" (Healthlines, by Ashiah Scharaga, April 18:)

We were all inspired by Jonathan Studebaker. Thank you for his story. Bob Mulholland Chico

A human rights question

Re "Chico State wary of shelter" (Downstroke, April 18):

Whether we locate a homeless shelter in our downtown is a human rights question: Are we the kind of society, having failed to house our least competitive people, that will at least accept them among us? Or, are we the kind of society that drives an entire class of people into the shadows—stigmatizing, coercing, punishing and, ultimately, hiding the poor and disabled in some acceptably remote facility?

In recent years, an array of local homeless human rights issues have come to the fore, at our council meetings and in our public spaces: restroom access, park access, right to rest (sleep), sit-lie laws, right to secure possessions, access to survival gear/emergency shelter, relentless police profiling, "failure to appear" warrants, "social crime" prosecutions, etc.

Had more than a microscopic number of Chico State staff and students meaningfully engaged on these issues, the lack of university support for a downtown shelter might be surprising. Despite the on-campus, self-congratulatory talk of social justice and diversity, human rights violations on our streets meet with apathy, or worse: When the CSUC president found a voice, it was a bigoted voice and an all too perfect example of what right-wingers call "liberal elitism." Seek support elsewhere.

> Patrick Newman Chico

More on homelessness

I have worked in and around downtown Chico for 40 years. What has happened in the last few years breaks my heart. So much more conspicuous abject poverty. Conspicuous because so many Chicoans can't afford an apartment.

What is going on is referenced in U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics, and Council of Economic Advisers calculations. The data show that, since 1980, rents are up 140 percent, incomes up about 10 percent, and our income's buying power is down nearly 20 percent.

What do you suggest I tell the frail 70-year-old homeless man at the market who got teary asking when Simplicity Village would be open? He said he felt desperate. What do you tell the woman who was 10 minutes late going to a local shelter, couldn't get in, and got raped on her way to find a hiding place to sleep in the bushes?

We're in the most urgent, tragic human crisis to hit the streets of Chico in my lifetime! With the issue of homelessness, the answer is more new low-income homes ASAP. Chico Housing Action Team's

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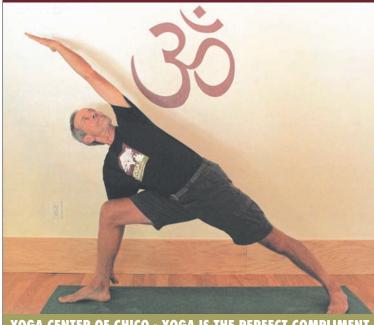
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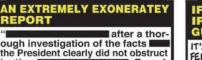


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And there was NO OBSTRUCTION (mostly because my aides kept ignoring my Orders to obstruct)!







BY TOM TOMORROW Very innocent man, acting to the appointent of a special counsel

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