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Simplicity Village proposal is the only plan before the city for just such housing this year.

**Charles Withuhn**  
Chico

### Props for the music fest

The persistent presence of the Chico area music scene is the essence of a community coming together in response to planet Earth's most devastating disaster of 2018. The musicians bring hope, love and a way for us all to set our differences aside and dance.

The CN&R and its Arts DEVO certainly made a dent in the sadness of loss and grief with their no-dough CAMMIES show Saturday night at the Sierra Nevada Big Room. Everyone in the house shared something vital to the communities' health and safety—a way to sit, talk and smile with their neighbor without a care but the sweet music in their ears.

Thank you, Jason Cassidy and crew, and to all of the musicians, sound peeps, promoters, bookers and venues that bring such joy and love to our lips.

**Bill Mash**  
Chico

### On the good presidents

I recently had the pleasure of reading Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Leadership: In Turbulent Times*. A narrative masterpiece, Goodwin explores the lives of four former presidents who embraced the obligations of being president, and the leadership they displayed while confronting a national crisis of their time: Abraham Lincoln—the Civil War; Teddy Roosevelt—the Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902; Franklin D. Roosevelt—the Great Depression; and Lyndon B. Johnson—civil rights upheaval and wretched poverty.

These men possessed an ability to recognize the leadership abilities within themselves, and were recognized for such by others, be them friend or foe. Their styles were different in nature, but extremely effective in overcoming the darkness they faced: their transformational strengths overcame their weaknesses; knew the importance of corraling political support for policies; rarely resorted to pettiness when dealing with adversaries; preferred olive branches over childish mockery. Lincoln said it best when he exclaimed, "I have

not willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom."

When we reflect upon presidential history, we realize we have been fortunate to have had leaders who strove to bring out the best in the American people. When reflecting on where we are today, it's enough to make a grown person cry.

**Roger S. Beadle**  
Chico

### Lemmings no more

The cunning President of the United Base of America gave a false impression of Bernie Sanders' recent town hall meeting in Bethlehem, Penn., hosted by FOX News. "Very strange the audience liked Bernie," quipped the shifty, amoral, unscrupulous Trump.

In "reality," Trump salivates over the mischief Sanders creates among Democrats. Along with the Russians, Sanders stood alone as the man most responsible for comrade Trump's shockingly dreadful Electoral College win in 2016. Comrade Trump voters are joined at the hip with "Bernie backers," make no mistake about it. The complete naivety of the DNC and its mass movement lemmings, never ceases to amaze. Please folks, don't enroll in another Trump University course in 2020.

**Ray Estes**  
Redding

### Corporate stooge rep

Once again Congressman Doug LaMalfa voted against us constituents. His *no* vote on Save the Internet Act (House Resolution 1644) supports a corporate takeover of the internet. LaMalfa and his fellow Republicans are invoking harm to current and future internet users.

**Larry S. Jackson**  
Chico

### Before the course opens

Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course has been closed since the Stoney Fire last July. The city of Chico's ongoing, required mitigation for operation of the course needs completion including: 1) split-rail fencing for out-of-bounds areas to protect Butte County checkerbloom and concentrating fairway foot traffic to protect wildflower fields; 2) wood chips around baskets and tee pads throughout the course to forestall erosion and protect

roots of oak trees; 3) relocation of baskets away from oak trees to lessen damage to branches; 4) tree protective devices to lessen impact to oak tree trunks; 5) interpretive signs at tee pads to encourage play that lessens ecological impacts; and 6) annual biological monitoring of the big four: oaks, Butte County checkerbloom, Bidwell's knotweed and wildflower fields.

Implementation of these requirements should be done prior to reopening the course, so implementation is incentivized and their purpose is effected.

**Woody Elliott**  
Chico

### On helping Earth

On Easter, I reflected upon the central messages of Christianity. Love, forgiveness and mercy. How does that affect our worldview today in this polarized political world? So many just keep doing what they've always done, rather than make necessary changes to protect our children's future world. Can they be forgiven? Hard to say, but none of us is perfect. We travel, we eat foods shipped from Italy and Asia. We buy clothes produced in slave-like conditions in foreign lands. We keep using ridiculously inefficient incandescent lightbulbs, and we run them nonstop even with natural light pouring in our windows.

Let's all reflect on the nature of what we are doing to create an excruciating world for our children will live in. What have we already done? Then ask: What can I do now, going forward, to deserve their forgiveness for that? What actions will I take to help?

**Julie Heath**  
Chico

### Correction

Last week's cover story ("Surveying the destruction," by Meredith J. Cooper) incorrectly named Zeke Lunder as owner of Deer Creek Resources. He is its founder, but the wildfire consulting firm is owned by Chico-based Firestorm Wildland Fire Suppression Inc. We apologize for the error, which has been corrected online. —ed.

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