

**'Fear-based response'**

Re "And then there was one" (Newsline, by Ashiah Scharaga) and "Have faith in the Orange Street Shelter" (Editorial, May 2):

I am pleased that the low-barrier shelter on Orange Street is moving forward under the direction of Safe Space. Finally, in the near future, comprehensive services will be available to so many people who have been without since the explosion of homelessness began years ago.

On the other hand, I am dismayed by the NIMBY position taken by Chico State President Gayle Hutchinson. When she was hired, there was much fanfare about her devotion to diversity and inclusiveness. Well, here it is, embrace the real world, not the ivory tower, Dr. Hutchinson!

This is a wonderful opportunity for Chico State students to participate in supporting those among us who are facing the most daunting challenges in our society. Instead of

being an adversary, there are many ways that the university can become a positive partner in this compassionate venture. My mind is racing with the possibilities!

Emily Alma  
Chico

Gayle Hutchinson and Chico State's fear-based response to the proposed Orange Street Shelter is a missed opportunity for student growth and improved town and gown relations.

I suggest she look to Harvard for a better example of how to respond. I quote from the Harvard Square Homeless Shelter website: "The Harvard Square Homeless Shelter serves the community of individuals experiencing homelessness in Cambridge and Boston. The student staff and volunteer network comprised of students and community members work together to provide guests with shelter, food, security, and a supportive environment of mutual respect. In addition to providing these fundamental needs, we work individually with

those who seek our assistance as they strive to attain their own goals and make the transition into independent living."

I suggest having students invested in the Orange Street Shelter would elevate the university. Instead, this administration has chosen to, once again, turn inward and isolate the campus from an active role in improving the surrounding community. I am so disappointed in the Hutchinson administration. I was really hoping for great leadership, but that is not what we got.

Barbara Hassig Morris  
Chico

**Among the burned**

Re "Sleepless in Chico" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty, May 2):

Fire burns sleep. That's just the way it is. Nobody of the fire is sleeping. It doesn't matter that you

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**THIS MODERN WORLD****FURTHER POST-TRUTH REPUBLICAN TALKING POINTS****1. DEMOCRATS WANT TO ABOLISH ALL WALLS, EVERYWHERE!**

MAYBE WE'LL LET YOU KEEP A FEW SUPPORT BEAMS TO HOLD UP YOUR ROOF.

WE JUST HATE WALLS, FOR NO APPARENT REASON!

**4. THEY WANT TO FORCE EVERYONE TO WEAR SCRATCHY WOOL UNDERPANTS!**

NO REAL REASON FOR THIS ONE.

IT JUST SOUNDS EXTREMELY UNPLEASANT!

**2. THEY WANT TO CONFISCATE ALL PUPPIES AND KITTENS!**

NO MORE CUTE ANIMALS FOR YOU! IT'S ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL TENETS OF SOCIALISM!

IF YOU'D READ MARX AND ENGELS, YOU'D KNOW THIS ALREADY!

**5. THEY WANT MANDATORY BEDBUGS IN EVERY HOME!**

WE BELIEVE THESE SMALL, NON-HUMAN-IDENTIFYING CREATURES SHOULD BE TREATED WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY!

UNLIKE BABIES, PUPPIES, AND KITTENS!

AND COWS! DON'T EVEN GET ME STARTED ON COWS!

**3. THEY WANT TO ABORT BABIES AFTER THEY ARE BORN, AND ALSO UP TO THE AGE OF 25!**

WHO CARES IF IT MAKES ANY SENSE? WE'RE JUST CARTOONISHLY EVIL, THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!

THE ONLY THING STANDING IN OUR WAY IS THAT DARNED MEDDLING FOX NEWS CHANNEL!

**6. THE REAL COLLUSION IS BETWEEN DEMOCRATS--AND SATAN!!**

OF COURSE! HOW ELSE WERE WE GOING TO CONVINCE AMERICANS THAT A GOOD AND DECENT MAN LIKE DONALD TRUMP IS REALLY A CORRUPT, VENAL, SCATTERBRAINED IDIOT?

WE NEEDED EXPERT HELP ON THAT!



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