

One on the cover

Re "Secondary effects" (Cover story, by CN&R staff, May 9).

Had Chico City Manager Mark Orme and Public Works Director [of operations] Erik Gustafson stood up to our "conservative" council, as it failed for over five years to realistically address infrastructure deterioration, that would have shown some real courage. Instead, these two got gold stars from Team Sorensen/Morgan as they quietly presided over government-services-by-fiscal-starvation. Slash, burn, repeat.

Pinning our infrastructure mess on the influx of fire survivors, while fractionally accurate, dodges the fundamental issue: We are living with bankrupt, miserly city policy, crafted in large part by current top management. It's time to clean house.

And, we need to join the 99 percent of California's cities

with a sales tax—sorry if this causes seizures and heartburn in the ranks of the tax-phobes.

Patrick Newman
Chico

To 'Camp Fire friends'

Re "A survivor's plea for compassion, patience" (Guest comment, by Jessica Eggleston, May 9):

I read the guest comment and was especially drawn to the comments in paragraph five, where the author says [Camp Fire survivors'] new homes have turned on them and blame them for creating traffic jams and spiked crime rates. And they are told "to get over it and make a plan."

I, for one, am far from an attitude like this toward Camp fire friends (I don't like the word "victims"). I know that tons of others are with me, too!

Please try and remain focused on the good, and forget what negative

is being said by a small group of individuals who don't have a clue what you all are going through.

B. T. Chapman
Chico

Scoffing at committee

Re "Another long night" (Newsline, by Ashiah Scharaga, May 9):

I attended Tuesday's City Council meeting where a Sustainability Committee was brought forward to study ways to combat "climate change." You're being lied to at the local level and the national level of our government about "climate change."

I think you need to remember what the climate hysterics said in 1976. They told us we would all be dead by the year 2000, if we didn't stop using fossil fuel. They said we would run out of fossil fuel by 2000. They called it "global warming" in 1976. The hysteria purveyors had to switch to "climate

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