

Calling it like it is

Re "Taking control of sewer destiny" (The Goods, by Meredith Cooper, May 23):

"Then there are the jerks in Chico treating fire survivors like vermin."

Thank you.

Kevin Jeys
Paradise

'Uplifting and priceless'

Re "'Resource for repair'" (Scene, by Ashiah Scharaga, May 23):

Jess Mercer's unwavering dedication to bringing positivity and encouragement to Camp Fire-displaced students is one of the most uplifting and priceless acts of community service I have seen in my nearly seven years as a Butte County resident. In combination with her breathtaking Key Project Tribute, Jess has been able to bring joy, love and a sense of closure to thousands of suffering humans, young and old alike. Jess not only likes to

say, "be awesome," she's also living it.

Bill Mash
Chico

Recall deconstruction

Re "Tit for tat" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty, May 23):

I appreciate the fine footwork by CN&R Editor Melissa Daugherty in her quest to deconstruct the mechanics of the Stone-Ory "recall."

Thoughts: 1) Those driving this recall are established darlings of the Enterprise-Record; they merely break wind and a reporter rushes to document the air and ground vector. This has been the case for months—the usual E-R, inflammatory "journalism" we know and love. This contrived notoriety is intoxicating for our queen bees, accustomed to nesting in the dark obscurity of the social media hive, where homeless-bashing banshees spend their fevered days conjuring an authoritarian future. So, why not fire a headline-grabbing

recall-rocket, though perhaps aerodynamically ill-fated? The most exciting fireworks are those slipshod enough to surprise.

2) Why are these soccer-moms-from-Hades so intent on destroying Stone-Ory? Executing a man on the basis of an anticipated crime is a miscarriage of justice; let these boys prove they are capable of heresy before summoning the Inquisition! You may yet be satisfied they are harmless, even if not birds of your own vile feather ... precisely.

3) This recall at least rates as a solid high school hijink. At most, it's anti-aircraft fire—missing the target, but altering the flight path.

Patrick Newman
Chico

More on that effort

Re "Civil discourse" (Newslines, by Ashiah Scharaga, May 23):

There will be a Chico City Council election next year, so why are people organizing a recall of two

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THIS MODERN WORLD

TOMORROW'S NEWS TODAY
FEATURING A WACKY SATIRICAL PREMISE WHICH COULD NEVER REALLY HAPPEN, UNLESS IT DOES

ELECTION NIGHT, 2020...
--DONALD TRUMP HAS LOST BY AN OVERWHELMING MARGIN!
IT'S OFFICIAL--HE'S A BIG LOSER AND EVERYONE IS LAUGHING AT HIM!
GRRRRR

DEMOCRATS PROTEST THE IMPROPRIETY OF IT ALL...
IF TRUMP REFUSES TO HONOR THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION, DISBANDS CONGRESS, AND DECLARES HIMSELF EMPEROR--THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO GET A BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL DONE!
IT'S TOO SOON TO CONSIDER IMPEACHMENT, OF COURSE.

SHORTLY THEREAFTER...
How can a president who is doing so Great lose an Election? FAKE NEWS! Trump actually WON the greatest Victory in American History!
I am therefore staying in Office, and will now be called Emperor, rather than president! Also I am ordering the military to disband the Fake Congress! MAGA!!!

A FEW REPUBLICANS EXPRESS MILD CONCERN...
THE EMPEROR'S REFUSAL TO ABDICATE THE THRONE IS TROUBLING! I INTEND TO WRITE A SOMEWHAT STRONGLY WORDED OP-ED!
TREASON! OFF WITH HIS HEAD!

THE TROOPS RALLY ROUND...
THIS ELECTION WAS AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE PRESIDENT--ER, I MEAN, THE EMPEROR--THROUGH THE DEVIOUS METHOD OF VOTING!
THESE UNSCRUPULOUS DEMOCRATS WILL STOP AT NOTHING TO ACHIEVE THEIR NEFARIOUS GOALS!

AND THINGS GO DOWNHILL FROM THERE.
EMPEROR TRUMP JUST CHOPPED OFF A GUY'S HEAD IN THE MIDDLE OF FIFTH AVENUE! AND THAT GUY WAS MITT ROMNEY!
IF YOU'RE EMPEROR, YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH IT! THEY LET YOU DO ANYTHING!
TALK ABOUT OWNING THE LIBS!
THEY MUST REALLY BE TRIGGERED!

BY TOM TOMORROW

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