

Reject the recall

Should recall elections become the new norm?

A small group of extremists has undertaken a vacuous recall effort against Mayor Randall Stone and Councilman Karl Ory. Just don't sign the thing.

The complaints of the recall group are vapid and dangerous. They fail entirely to think of the consequences of their actions. If it's a recall for every transient disagreement we have in Chico, what happens when the other side does the same?

Should the recall gain traction, it would be in my best interest, as a supporter of all but two of the council members, to start a recall of Councilman Sean Morgan and Councilwoman Kasey Reynolds. If the only way to win in Chico becomes to engage in a death spiral of constant recalls, so be it. Neither has done anything corrupt. I just disagree with them. But if this is the new normal, regular elections won't matter.

This community doesn't want that. I don't want that. The best

thing for Chico would be for the group to just back down from its simpliminded effort, rather than engage in the politics of division.

But I don't expect them to consider the long-term approach, nor what's best for Chico. They haven't yet.

Matthew Sutter
Chico

Commissioner's comeback

Re "Insurance fallout" (Newslines, by Andre Byik, June 13):

As a member of the governor's Strike Force, [Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara] is exploring ways to reduce wildfire risk for those in rural counties such as Butte. Everything is on the table to keep insurance affordable and available, including new rules for hardening properties against wildfires, addressing underinsurance, and re-evaluating the coverage limit of \$500,000, which has not kept up with inflation and rising costs.

Last week, Commissioner Lara testified in support of recommendations to the Legislature, including

creating a statewide standard for a hardened home and requiring insurers to write policies for homeowners who meet that standard. Home hardening benefits consumers, insurers, and the state by reducing anticipated future losses.

With local governments making decisions about development in environmentally sensitive areas, the state must engage with those like Butte County who want to be proactive in managing the risks of catastrophic events.

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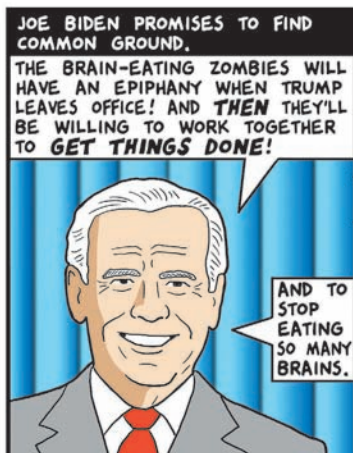
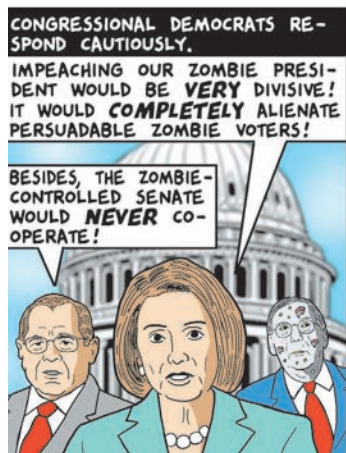
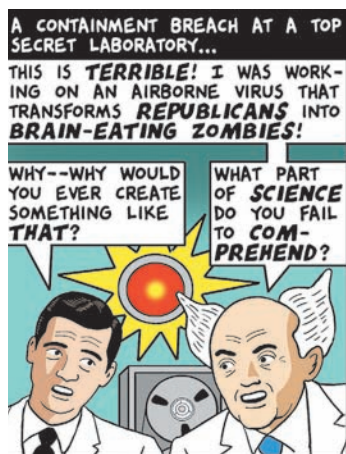
Letter misses the mark

Re "It's the pensions" (Letters, by Juanita Sumner, June 6):

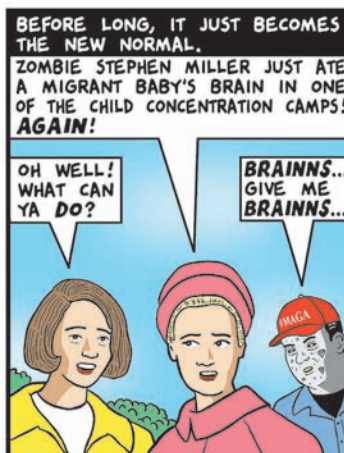
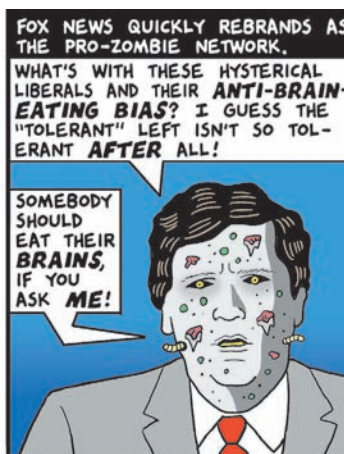
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