

'Disservice to Chico'

Re "Crime down, chief says" (Newslines, by Andre Byik, June 20):

By doing away with the "owner occupancy" requirement to build second dwelling units, the City Council has handed over Chico to land grabbers. Not only is the city greatly reducing developer fees in hopes of stimulating accessory dwelling units (ADUs), it also is eliminating requirements for infrastructure improvements, like sidewalks and gutters, drainage and off-street parking.

If you live next to a rental, that absentee landlord can build another one right on the spot, at a greatly reduced cost. It's called "infill," and the owner of a home is no longer required to live there when an ADU is added. Owner occupancy lends assurance that grievances are dealt with without hassle to the neighbors.

This gives carte blanche to profit-driven development, potentially turning our old, beautiful neighborhoods into a replica of what we see north and south of the Chico State campus. I believe it is a real

disservice to Chico in the long run, and to homeowners who have lived in this community for decades.

This vote to eliminate the owner occupancy requirement would have been expected from a conservative-leaning, developer-friendly City Council. I don't believe this town seated a liberal council so they could sell us out to the dogs.

Pam Stoesser
Chico

Roundabout outrage

Re "Potholes and peens" (Second & Flume, by Melissa Daugherty, June 20):

You call the project at the roundabout "awesome." I strongly disagree. [The city spent] \$380,000 for a brick monstrosity that blocks the view across the roundabout! Something small would have been fine.

In your editorial, you mention a small town that fixed 40 holes for \$5,000. That's \$125 a hole. And \$380,000 divided by 125 = 3,040! I don't know what it costs in Chico to fill a pothole, but

that's a lot of potholes! And how many people showed up for the dedication? Held at 10 a.m. on a weekday. Sorry, like most people, I'm at work! This city sure knows how to waste our money.

William Strom
Chico

Of Jesus and POTUS

Re "Of Trump and Jesus" (Letters, by Paul Di Grande, June 20):

I agree with Paul Di Grande, "Actions speak louder than words" and "I do cringe at times."

Ask the "Central Park Five" or people in Charlottesville, Va., if the president has helped African-Americans.

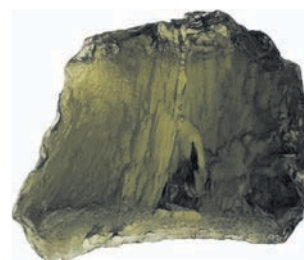
Ask the farmers who have soybeans going bad in storage because of tariffs if he's helped them.

Ask our volunteer military members who don't know if the next tweet will put us into a war with Iran, whose military is 10 times bigger than Iraq had, better equipped, and battle hardened in

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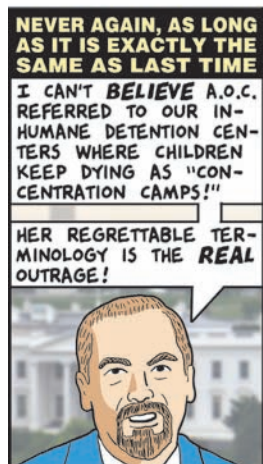
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