

Funding and farming

Re "Branching out," (Newslines, by Ashiah Scharaga) and "The future of local farming" (Cover story, by CN&R staff and Robert Speer, July 18):

It may now be a matter of "rubber stamping" \$207,000 in emergency homeless funds for distribution to Catalyst, an already existing and funded women's shelter. In view of extremely limited homeless funding (we apparently have difficulty funding two 24-hour toilets, at \$30,000 per annum), it's a misallocation. The vast majority of the chronically unsheltered homeless (those literally on the streets) and 80 percent of those who die in our public spaces are destitute, disabled men. Catalyst provides no shelter for men. Funds should be awarded to organizations—such as Safe Space Winter Shelter—with a track record of offering cost-effective, hospitality-based, low-barrier shelter options to a fully inclusive



cross-section of the homeless population.

Around the time I sat through an ag school lecture on "how to get into farming," the Nixon administration went to work implementing the "get big or get out" policies that plowed under most of the remaining small farms in America. Today, 99 percent of our food is grown by massive corporate entities. Yes, farmers may be aging, but corporations have a way of finding workers—mostly on the cheap. In this increasingly unequal society, who will have access to land and capital in the future? And, when do we initiate land reform?

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Governments, corporations

Re "Why aren't we discussing population?" (Cover story, by Alastair Bland, July 11):

In the story, economist David

Zetland is quoted as saying, "It's a total fallacy that the economy needs constant growth and a growing population." Unfortunately, mankind follows fallacies all the time. It is my belief that there are two entities that either need or believe they need population growth for continued prosperity. And they do not want to talk about the population.

Those entities are governments and corporations. Anyone with experience in government budgeting knows that budgets are rarely ever lowered. They usually remain the same or are increased. Increased citizens equals increased tax revenues and budget increase is offset. Corporations suffer from the law of diminishing returns. With an ever-growing population, an always increasing potential customer base offsets diminishing returns and bureaucratic waste.

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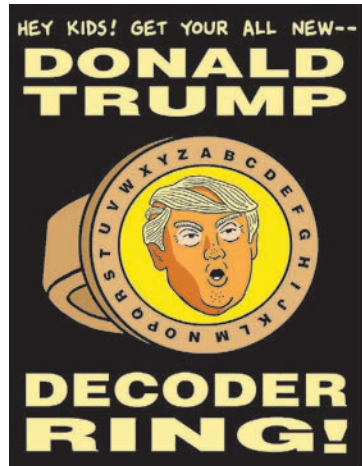
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Architectural Review and Historic Preservation Board

The Chico City Council has an unscheduled vacancy on the ARHPB and is seeking to fill one seat on this board. The seat will serve through January 2021. In addition to its authority established by Chapter 19.18 of the Chico Municipal Code for the review of architectural drawings prior to the issuance of certain building permits, the ARHPB reviews building proposals that may affect buildings or other resources listed on the City of Chico Historic Resources Inventory, including making recommendations to the City Council for new listings on the Inventory. (CMC Sec. 2.56.020)

Applicants must be residents of the City of Chico and qualified voters (18 years or older). The Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street. An application and supplemental questionnaire must be completed for this position.

All applications, with required supplementals are due by July 31, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office, City Municipal Building, 411 Main Street. The City Council will make its appointment at a regularly scheduled meeting determined after the closure of the recruitment period.