

Outlaw the opposition

Re "Moving forward" (Newslines, by Ashiah Scharaga, Sept. 26):

Rob Berry, who opposes programs like Simplicity Village—that provide shelter and services for homeless people that get them off the streets, such as what has been successfully done in Marysville among other places—may plan to sue in court.

Building and opening these facilities really should be a federal policy, and it should be illegal for anyone to appeal or take any actions to block or delay this from being done.

In regards to Anna Meehan singing her own rendition of "Put a Little Love in Your Heart" to support Simplicity Village—which people in the gallery joined in on—unfortunately, people like Berry and his cohorts at Chico First (or whatever it's called) lack any love in their hearts. That people die on the streets doesn't

matter to them, and this is putting it mildly.

Walter Ballin
Chico

Tenants take the reins

The city of Chico has been discussing the housing crisis, yet they have largely failed to include tenants as stakeholders. Politicians, financiers and those salivating at potential profits insist the only solution is for-profit market-rate development, doubling down on the failed market solutions that created this mess. We demand that governments put *people before profit*—because it is the only way to build sustainable, affordable and secure long-term housing.

The only way to address our housing catastrophe is a bold program of housing democracy where tenants have agency as stakeholders and shape policy. We need creative solutions that remove housing stock from the speculative

market, integrate affordability and carbon neutrality, and are the foundation of strong communities. Renters need robust protections that give them the security they need in their daily lives rather than leaving them prey to greedy landlords.

Join the Chico DSA (Democratic Socialists of America), Tenants Together and others as we advance this vision and build the political power necessary to achieve it. Saturday, Oct. 5, 2-4 p.m., at the Dorothy F. Johnson Center, 775 E. 16th St. Free food and child care!

Steven Breedlove
Chico

Two on the editorial

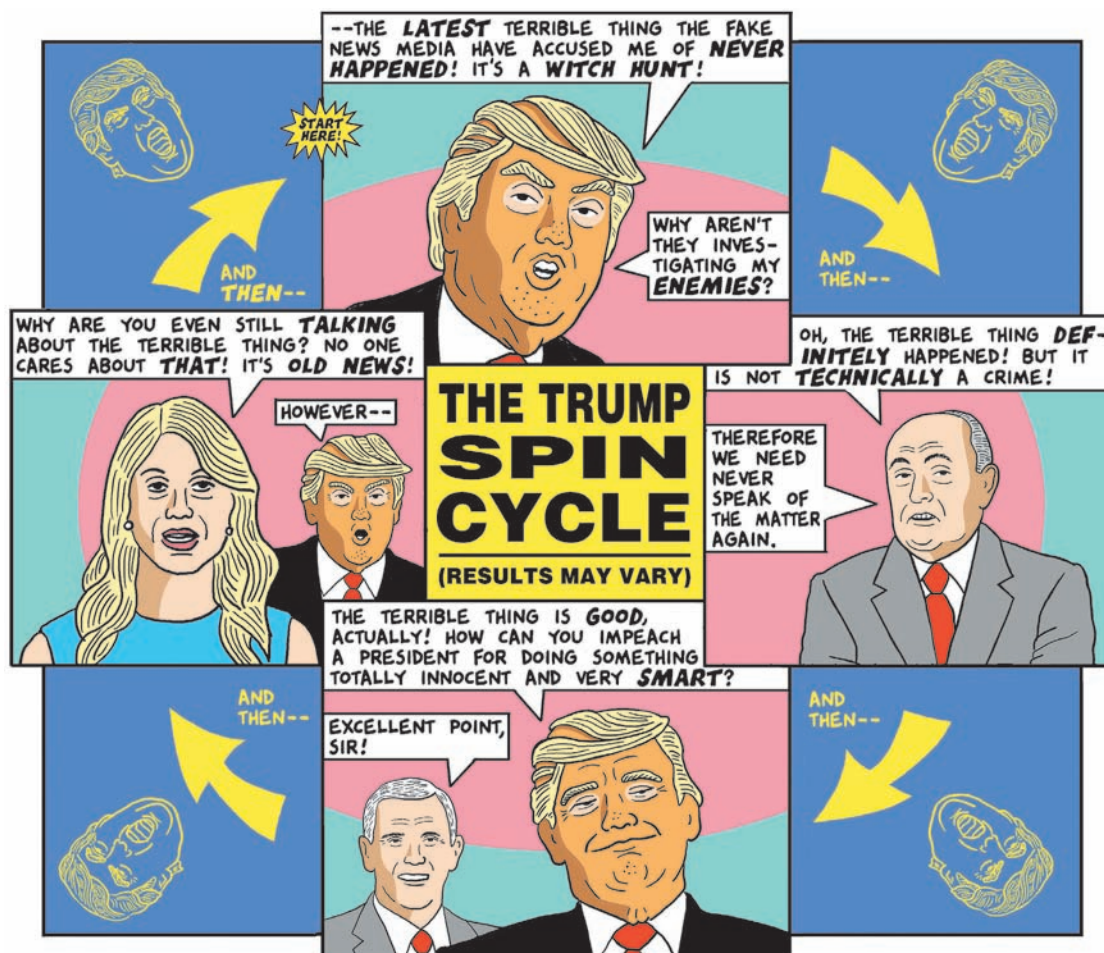
Re "Planet, national security at risk" (Editorial, Sept. 26):

Do you think it's an overstatement to say a few reporters from

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